

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
August - 2015**

General Government

James Francomano,
Planning & Community Development Director
Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk
Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director
Kerry Leichtman, Assessor – No Report Received

Culture and Recreation

Susan Dates, Rental Agent, Rockport Opera House – No Report Received
Benjamin Blackmon, Interim Library Director

Public Safety

Michael Young, Public Works Director – No Report Received
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster – No Report Received
Jason Peasley, Fire Chief & EMA Director

Office of Planning and Community Development

Monthly Report – August 2015

Permits

Code Enforcement Officer. Twenty-six (26) CEO permits were issued in August 2015. This is on par with the twenty-five building permits issued in August 2014.

Local Plumbing Inspector. Eleven (11) plumbing permits were issued in August 2015. This is on par with the ten (10) plumbing permits issued in August 2014.

Boards & Committees:

Planning Board. The Planning Board met in August 2015 to dissolve or “vacate” the former Brewster Point subdivision, reverting the 45 lots and 116 Acres back into a single parcel of land. The property was purchased by Angus R. Cooper of Mobile, Alabama. Mr. Cooper formed a Maine LLC known as RoyalC to take title to the property. He informed the Planning Board that he intends to use the property as a family compound.

Ordinance Review Committee. The 2016 ORC season will kick off with a Select Board workshop meeting at 5:30 on Thursday, October 1 at the Town Office. A memo detailing possible amendments was distributed in late August and posted on the website. I would appreciate any and all advice, suggestions and questions as we prepare for that meeting.

Community Development

2016 Northern Border Regional Commission. In August I had several conversations with other community development professionals including colleagues at the Maine Technology Institute, about how best to prepare for an NBRC application for funding assistance. This program would be well-suited to cover a portion of any project involving expansion of the Town’s fiberoptic network.

2015 NEA “Our Town” grant application. In August Monica Kelly of the Bay Chamber Concerts and Music School appeared with me before the Select Board to draft the introduction and outline and met three times with members of the Chamber’s Board of Directors and the Town’s Opera House Committee to review. This is a grant program of the National Endowment for the Arts due in October proposed to be used as seed funding and technical support a House Manager, promotion and/or event booking-type position.

2015 EDA and 2016 CDBG grant opportunities. Using TIF proceeds as matching funds, we plan to access these programs for funding assistance on the next phase of Route 1 sewer/fiber/water extension. In July we worked on the scope of assistance to be provided by Woodard & Curran Engineering as well as the Midcoast Economic Development District (MCEDD).

2015 Project Canopy grant. Coming soon. This application will request funding assistance with tree planting, consistent with established priorities of the Town, such as in the Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee’s new Master Plan. There is strong interest on the part of the Pathways and Parks Committees to focus on the Route 90 corridor.

2014 SHIP Harbor Grant. I have requested reimbursement for \$26,700 from MDOT, the maximum amount possible under the grant award. The 2014 SHIP grant project was completed in July and provides dockage intended primarily for short term rental use by transient boaters on the Marine Park side of the Harbor.

Information and documentation on all permits and projects is available for public review.

**TOWN CLERK
MONTHLY REPORT
AUGUST 2015**

- We issued 2 (2) Fishing Licenses, 4 (5) Hunting Licenses, 1 (0) Junior Hunting License, 2 (0) Fishing and Hunting, 1 (1) Bear License, 1 (3) Archery License, 1 (0) Expanded Archery (either sex), 1 (0) Expanded Archery Anterless, 1 (0) Crossbow, 1 (0) Spring-Fall Turkey, 1 (0) Over 70- Lifetime and 2 (0) Saltwater Fish Registry. Fees collected totaled \$390.00 (\$277.00).
- 13 (10) Boat Registrations, 0 (0) Snowmobiles and 7 (6) ATV Registrations and 2 (3) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters). Fees collected were \$1,032.83 (\$1,164.56) which includes \$385.83 (\$698.56) sales tax.
- We issued 2 (4) dog licenses at a fee of \$3.00 (\$12.00).
- Processed 17 (10) transfers, 214 (276) passenger cars, 15 (26) commercial vehicles, 11 (15) trailers, 3 (7) motorcycles, 3 (2) Mopeds, 5 (11) Antiques, 1 (0) Bus, 1 (0) Farm Truck, 1 (0) Special Equipment, 8 (2) Duplicate Stickers and 3 (4) duplicate registrations. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$73,234.88 (\$59,178.21); this is up 23.75 % from last year.
- We processed \$605,931.28 (\$360,205.29) in real estate taxes this month. We processed 152 liens for \$248,596.09.
- We collected \$8,327.25 (\$5,622.25) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, etc., waiting lists fees and berthing fees, park rental and merchandise. We also collected \$209.00 (\$375.50) in boat excise tax.
- There was a Leaning & Cleaning Workshop held at the Glen Cove Cemetery on Saturday, August 29th. Thirteen people signed up to attend this workshop. Representatives from MOCA (Maine Old Cemeteries Association) were the instructors led by Cheryl Patten. There is more work to be done and I will be working with the Cemetery Committee to make a recommendation to the Select Board for future funding for cleaning and repairing broken and fallen stones that are in all of our cemeteries.
- I attended a Select Board meeting and took minutes for same. I also attended the FOAA (Freedom of Access Act) training and a workshop with the Select Board for planning the 125th anniversary of the Town of Rockport's separation from Camden.

*The first number represents 2015 and the second one in parenthesis 2014.

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - August 2015

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 August 2015 includes the following:

- Interest earned on all deposit accounts was 0.85%.
- 98.54% of taxes have been paid for FY 14-15; \$194,543 remains outstanding in taxes receivable.

General Fund							
Budget-Current Month Expenses							
Payroll	111,541	116,398	4,856	4.35%	84,245	32,153	38.17%
General Fund Checking	1,134,801	1,234,957	100,156	8.83%	1,167,469	67,488	5.78%
Total Expenses	1,246,342	1,351,355	105,012	8.43%	1,251,714	99,641	7.96%
Budget-Current Month Revenues/Transfers							
Deposits Only	405,237	566,445	161,207	39.78%	1,248,701	(682,256)	-54.64%
NET	(841,105)	(784,910)	56,195	-6.68%	(3,013)	(99,641)	-25950.77%
Cash on Hand Balance							
All GF Cash Accounts	2,218,056	1,509,184	(708,872)	-31.96%	1,026,557	482,627	47.01%
Taxes Paid (for the month)	192,521	97,898	(94,624)	-49.15%	68,890	29,008	42.11%
Total Taxes Paid-end of Month	12,998,623	13,096,521	97,898	0.75%	128,993	12,967,528	10052.89%
Investments-Bar Harbor Trust Services							
Public Assistance	285,828	260,931	(24,897)	-8.71%	276,393	(15,463)	-5.59%
Cemeteries	387,538	353,781	(33,757)	-8.71%	349,272		
Wastewater	268,508	245,120	(23,389)	-8.71%	0	245,120	
Total Investments	941,874	859,831	(82,042)	-8.71%	625,665	234,166	37.43%
Investments-The First (Opened 11/27/13)							
Public Assistance	129,578	129,672	94	0.07%	128,573	1,099	0.85%
Cemeteries	171,761	171,885	124	0.07%	162,515	9,370	5.77%
Wastewater	116,375	116,459	84	0.07%	0	116,459	
Total Investments	301,339	301,556	218	0.07%	291,088	10,468	3.60%
Combined Totals Investments	1,243,213	1,161,388	(81,825)	-6.58%	916,753	244,635	26.68%
Wastewater							
Budget-Current Month Expenses							
Expenses	99,951	199,714	99,764	99.81%	186,672	13,042	6.99%
Revenue	62,779	242,115	179,336	285.66%	78,143	163,972	209.84%
NET	(37,172)	42,401	79,572	-214.07%	(108,529)	150,930	-139.07%
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance							
WW General Fund	251,157	293,558	42,401	16.88%	889,843	(596,285)	-67.01%
Total Cash	251,157	293,558	42,401	16.88%	889,843	(596,285)	-67.01%
WW Accounts Receivable							
30 Day	60 Day	90 Day	Over 120 Days	Advance Payments			
29,508	18,750	1,917	27,290	(19,524)			
TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable August 2015					57,942	-22.02%	
Accounts Receivable August 2014					74,305		

Rockport Public Library

AUGUST 2015

The book sale and Friends' memberships brought in over \$16,000.00! The profits from the sale normally go directly to the library to support technology, programs and material purchases. However, this year the Friends voted that the money should go to a fund for the construction of a new library. Once again I would like to say thank you to the Friends of the Rockport Public Library.



We had some wonderful artistic events in August. The Rolling Stock Theater Company held their closing performance in Memorial Park. The Rolling Stock Theater practices a comedic theater style called Commedia dell'Arte, which was popular in medieval Italy. The actors know the plot of the play but the dialog is improvised on the spot. It was a beautiful day and the crowd had some great laughs in the park. We also had Celia Jones come back to the library for another all ages ukulele workshop. A wonderful mix of young and older patrons attended the event, which

proves that everyone loves the ukulele. By the end of the hour long session Celia had them all playing songs and energized to learn more about the ukulele. When the session ended we didn't have a single book on the ukulele left in the library.

Ben Odgren had a very successful first meeting of a new graphic novel making club called Pageturners. The group is made up of six children in third and fourth grade. They did some creative drawing exercises that tied into the idea of story creation. The kids had a blast and are all excited to make a graphic novel. While making a whole graphic novel won't be possible Ben's goal is to have the group plan out a full story and get at least one or two pages done using large bristol paper and ink. In order to really teach about graphic novels Ben limited the group to six children and plans are in the works to run the program again because more children wanted to sign up for the group than he could fit.

Visits to the library stayed high in August, and many people made use of their own devices and our free Wi-Fi access. The library had 4381 visitors in August. 593 people attended library programs. This was down from July which is to be expected since our summer reading program wrapped up. We brought in 115 new items (books, audio, movies, and music) to the library in August.

The library staff is thinking lean thoughts. We are cleaning out any clutter around the building and getting organized ahead of any upcoming move to a temporary new home. We are also ramping up our weeding efforts to cut down on the books we have on the shelves that are not circulating, in both the adult and children's fiction collection. We don't know when the move will happen or where we'll go but when the time comes to move we hope to be ready.

STATISTICS:

Circulation	Aug-15	Aug-14	
Adults	3466	3399	
Young Adults	339	349	
Children	1379	1316	
Total	5184	5064	+120

TOTAL CIRCULATION ALSO INCLUDES 34 HONOR SYSTEM BOOKS (AND PUZZLES)

Attendance	Aug-15	Aug-14	
Adults	4013	2445	
Young Adults	116	115	
Children	252	294	
Total	4381	2854	+1527

Interlibrary Loan	Aug-15	Aug-14	
Incoming	580	571	+9
Outgoing	660	514	+146

Incoming represents the number of books borrowed by our card holders.

ebooks	Aug-15	Aug-14	
Ebooks/Audio	173	166	+7

COMPUTER	Aug-15	Aug-14	
Usage	631	501	+130

*of the 631 units of computer use, 159 were identified as people using their own devices with the library WI-FI. This information is manually tracked.

	Aug-15	Aug-14	
Reference	355	498	-143

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech Tutor
Adults	27	205	
Young Adults	0	3	
Children	14	Children 249 Adults 74	1
Total	41	536	

TECH TUTOR SESSIONS ARE INDIVIDUALIZED SESSIONS OF AT LEAST 15 MINUTES.

Activities, services, and programs:

536 people attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in August!

- Memoir Writing Workshop
- Ukulele session
- Rolling Stock Theater
- Rockport Gambit Chess Club
- Monthly Writers Group
- Twice monthly Fiber Arts Group
- Monthly book group with Jenni Ruddy
- Paper Chains workshop with Robinsunne
- Twice-weekly French Conversation Group
- Tuesday weekly story time for babies and toddlers
- Weekly Community Outreach Programs-Ben Odgren and Kim Slocomb
 - Coastal Opportunities
 - Pen Bay Child Care
 - YMCA Child Care
 - Little Learners Day Care
 - Mid Coast Recreation child care
- Drop-in Mah-Jongg group on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays
- BookLovers' Café
- Twice-monthly Poet's Corner with local poets George Chappell and Jim Ostheimer

All activities are located on the library's website <http://www.rockport.lib.me.us/> where you can find our **Upcoming Events Calendar**.

DESK INCOME, GIFTS, GRANTS OR DONATIONS: \$ 32,295.29

The library received a very important gift of a new Keurig coffee machine. The old one broke and a generous patron donated the money for the purchase of a new one. We also received several large gifts from private citizens and our Friends group.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

Along with all the countless volunteer hours for the annual book sale, our in house volunteers gave 43.75 hours or \$546.88 savings to the town (calculated at \$12.50 per hour). In-house library volunteers help process books, shelve, facilitate programs, and other duties as assigned.

09/04/2015 Completed by Ben Blackmon, Interim Library Director. Also find us on Facebook!

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

AUGUST, 2015

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	01
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	15	10
203/Dana Smith	35	15
204/Robbi Shaw	09	13
205/ Cooper Plaisted	18	10
206/ James Moore	05	05
211/ C. Cooley	09	14

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	8,285	565.9	14.640

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Rockport Police Department
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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	19
Administrative	10
Agency Assistance	24
Alarm	21
Alcohol Offense	2
Animal Noise	1
Animal Problem	2
Assault	4
Bail Check	3
Violation of Bail Conditions	3
Burglary	1
Car/Deer 10-55	1
Citizen Assist	8
Civil Problem	4
Communications Problem	1
Criminal Mischief	7
Custodial Interference	1
Detail Assignment	3
Disabled Vehicle	5
Disorderly Conduct	5
Domestic	1
Controlled Substance Problem	3
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	25
False Information to Police	1
Fingerprinting	2
Fireworks	1
Found Property	3
Fraud	2
Gas Drive Off	2
Hit and Run 10-55	1
Identity Theft	1
Information Report	14
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	5
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1
Lost Property	3
Mental Health Issue	5
Nuisance	6
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	4
OUI Detail	2
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	6
Parking Problem	12
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	7
Violation of Protect Frm Abuse	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3
Property Check	61
Radar Detail	10
Sex Offender Registration	1
Report of shots fired	3
Stalking	1
Stray Animal	2
Suspicious Vehicle	4
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	6
Theft	4
Threatening	4
Tobacco Problem	2
Traffic Hazard	6
Traffic Violation	65
Traffic Stop	3
Trespassing	5
Unsecure Premise	3
Utility Problem	6
Vehicle Maintenance	14
Vehicle Search	1
VIN Number Inspection	1
Wanted Person	2
Well-Being Chck	58

Total Incidents for This Report: 499

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Rockport Police Department
Law Incident Analysis, Time Reported

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	1	2	1	2	2	3	2	13
01:00-01:59	0	0	0	0	2	5	1	8
02:00-02:59	1	0	3	0	4	4	2	14
03:00-03:59	3	4	3	3	3	6	6	28
04:00-04:59	8	4	3	3	3	1	6	28
05:00-05:59	4	0	0	1	0	0	1	6
06:00-06:59	0	1	0	3	1	1	1	7
07:00-07:59	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	11
08:00-08:59	4	2	3	6	4	1	0	20
09:00-09:59	4	1	2	2	4	2	2	17
10:00-10:59	5	2	3	2	12	0	6	30
11:00-11:59	4	4	3	5	4	1	4	25
12:00-12:59	9	3	2	2	0	3	3	22
13:00-13:59	5	3	6	5	3	4	4	30
14:00-14:59	3	4	2	5	3	4	3	24
15:00-15:59	6	2	1	5	7	3	5	29
16:00-16:59	3	2	3	2	1	4	3	18
17:00-17:59	5	2	5	5	6	5	4	32
18:00-18:59	3	5	4	3	2	6	2	25
19:00-19:59	5	7	7	2	2	2	2	27
20:00-20:59	1	4	1	3	2	3	1	15
21:00-21:59	4	3	5	3	5	12	2	34
22:00-22:59	3	1	2	4	4	2	2	18
23:00-23:59	0	3	1	1	8	2	3	18
Total by Day	83	61	62	68	84	75	66	499

Report Includes:
All dates between `00:00:01 08/01/15` and `23:59:59 08/31/15`
All agencies matching `0704`
All offenses observed
All offenses reported
All offense codes
All nature of incidents
All location codes

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Rockport Fire Department August 2015

9/03/2015

August brought the busiest month to date this year. During August we saw a large increase in CO alarms throughout the town at commercial and personal residences. Annual hose and ladder testing was completed at the highway department. I continued to work within the community with safety inspections at Hospitality house, Pen Bay Medical Center, MRC, and 3 different homes.

A total of 19 calls came in throughout August including mutual aid to Union for large structure fire. Rockport firefighters where the primary attack team to extinguisher the fire with 15 members helping out our neighbors at 2:15 in the morning. The increase in CO alarms received totaling 9 are a sign of detectors hitting their 10 year life expectancy when they became popular 10-12 years ago.

Fail Safe of New Jersey completed our annual hose and ladder testing Tuesday the 25th. Of the 13,400' of hose only one 50' piece of 2 ½" failed showing that the annual testing is well worth the time and money. 3 Volunteer Firefighters spent 6 hours assisting with driving fire trucks and moving gear around allowing Fail safe to complete the testing much faster.

Monthly training was completed at the Rockprot Harbor with Kaleb assisting with boat training. Firefighters donned out cold water survival suits and trained in the harbor with rescuing person in the water and bring them into a boat. Members also had the opportunity to work on their driving and navigation skills driving the Harbor Masters boat.

I completed several safety inspections and fire drills throughout the town with many local business and visited three different homes to help with placement of smoke detectors throughout their home. Also worked with the home owners on monthly checks and maintenance of cleaning the detectors.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Peasley