

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
JULY - 2014**

General Government

Vacant, 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
Ann Filley, Library Director

Public Safety

Michael Young, Public Works Director – No Report Received
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master
Jason Peasley, Fire Chief & EMA Director (State Statistics Behind)

**TOWN CLERK
MONTHLY REPORT/JULY 2014**

We issued 8 (13) Fishing Licenses, 2 (0) Hunting Licenses, 3 (0) Fishing & Hunting License, 1 (0) Resident Spring-Fall Turkey, 1 (0) Archery, 1 (0) Expanded Archery Antlered, 1 (0) Expanded Archery Antlerless, 1 (0) Bear Hunting License, 1 (0) Over-70 - Lifetime and 1 (2) Saltwater Fish Registry. Fees collected totaled \$500.00 (\$325.00).

50 (64) Boat Registrations, 1 (0) Boat Transfer, and 9 (21) ATV Registrations, 0 (1) ATV transfer, 27 (33) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters), and 0 (1) Milfoil Sticker upgrade were issued. Fees collected were \$3,021.00 (4,545.45), which includes \$1,342.00 (\$2,049.45) for sales tax.

We issued 7 (15) dog licenses at a fee of \$28.00 (\$45.00). Five of these dogs are new to Rockport.

Processed 9 (8) transfers, 222 (214) passenger cars, 1 (1) passenger cars (no fee), 1 (1) passenger (half rate), 6 (12) antique vehicles, 13 (11) commercial vehicles, 28 (25) trailers, 2 (1) motor home, 7 (10) motorcycles, 2 (1) moped, 1 (0) bus, 1 (0) farm truck, 2 (3) duplicate registrations and 6 (7) duplicate stickers. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$68,702.41 (\$67,225.62), up 2.20%.

We processed \$200,933.41 (\$125,305.84) in real estate taxes this month. On July 28th, we processed 267 (522) 30 day notices. This was for taxes that have not been paid. The due dates were October 15, 2013 and April 15 2014.

We collected \$2,910.00 (\$3,702.50) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, sale of merchandise, showers, park rental, etc. and waiting lists fees. We also collected \$1,628.00 (\$1,770.60) in boat excise tax.

Sold one (two) cemetery lot at the Rockville Cemetery for \$700.00. I have been working on preparing new files for owners of cemetery lots getting prepared for a new cemetery program.

I attended two Select Board meetings and took minutes for same. I also attended four Department Head Meetings and took off a few vacation days. My deputy and assistant clerk also were able to enjoy some days off.

***The first number represents 2014 and the second one in parenthesis 2013**

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report -July 2014

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 July 2014 includes the following:

- Wastewater cash investment earnings accrued at the rate of 0.85%.
- Interest earned on all deposit accounts was 0.85%.
- 97.8% of taxes have been paid for FY 13-14; \$282,159.98 remains outstanding in taxes receivable.

Budget								
*Wages	135,876	107,819	(28,057)	-20.65%	118,750	(10,931)	-9.20%	
Other Expenses	934,971	1,060,547	125,576	13.43%	1,237,772	(177,225)	-14.32%	
Total Expenses	1,070,847	1,168,366	97,519	9.11%	1,356,521	(188,155)	-13.87%	
<i>* Net Wages Indicated Beginning July 2014</i>								
Total Revenue	707,900	1,245,181	537,281	75.90%	329,107	916,074	278.35%	
NET	(362,947)	76,815	439,762	-121.16%	(1,027,414)	1,104,229	107.48%	
Cash on Hand Balance								
General Fund	2,941,036	1,926,253	(1,014,783)	-34.50%	1,298,824	627,429	48.31%	
Taxes Paid (for the month)	276,821	155,461	(121,360)	-43.84%	91,754	63,707	69.43%	
Total Taxes Paid-end of Month	12,375,603	12,531,064	155,461	1.26%	11,769,260	761,804	6.47%	
Investments-Bar Harbor Trust Services								
Public Assistance	274,916	269,252	(5,664)	-2.06%	371,330	(102,078)	-27.49%	
Cemeteries	347,406	340,249	(7,157)	-2.06%	469,280	(129,031)	-27.50%	
Total Investments	622,322	609,501	(12,821)	-2.06%	840,610	(231,109)	-27.49%	
Investments-The First (Opened 11/27/13)								
Public Assistance	128,429	127,986	(443)	-0.34%				
Cemeteries	162,307	162,892	585	0.36%				
Total Investments	290,736	290,878	142	0.05%				
Combined Totals Investments	913,058	900,379	(12,679)	-1.39%	840,610	59,769	7.11%	
Wastewater								
Expenses	65,678	99,883	34,205	52.08%	40,495	59,388	146.66%	
* Revenue	36,048	54,699	18,651	51.74%	69,467	(14,768)	-21.26%	
NET	(29,630)	(45,184)	(15,554)	52.49%	28,972	(74,156)	-255.96%	
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance								
* WW General Fund	1,056,816	998,260	189,186	-5.54%	217,016	781,244	359.99%	
The First-Investment	383,825	384,156	380,844	0.09%	274,405	109,751	40.00%	
Certificate of Deposit					101,792			
Total Cash	1,440,641	1,382,416	(58,225)	-4.04%	593,213	890,995	133.04%	
<i>*Apr 2014-GF Includes Proceeds for BAN \$885,000</i>								
WW Accounts Receivable								
	30 Day	60 Day	90 Day	Over 120 Days	Advance Payments			
	90,704	6,070	2,368	25,703	(5,860)			
	TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable July 2014					118,984	#DIV/0!	
	Accounts Receivable July 2013							

**July 2014
Department Head Report
Kerry Leichtman
Assessor**

Board of Assessment Review: In reaction to a marathon hearing in May in which an appellant's attorney took 2 ½ hours to make his case, the BAR met and created a Conduct of Hearings document in which the order of presentation with time limits is specified. I will give this document to anyone presenting to the board. I did research for the board and gave them materials from Freeport and Cumberland County to guide their work.

Personal Property: Megan finished processing personal property. The next step was for me to review her work, which I did most of by month's end. I have set aside 69 BETE applications for me to approve or deny when we get closer to commitment.

E911: Megan is now our E-911 Addressing Coordinator. Actually, E-911 has been replaced by NG-911 (Next Generation 911). Megan attended a webinar on the changes and says NG-911 will allow for better computer-aided coordination for responders and other emergency personnel. Megan volunteers at Union Ambulance and is working toward earning CMT certification, so she understands the issues involved and was impressed with the capabilities represented by the NG changes.

Senior Tax Deferral Program: Rick asked me to research this and report my findings to the Select Board at a future meeting. There have been a few attempts made by the Legislature to create property tax relief for seniors. Most of the programs are difficult or impractical to implement, but I did find a success story or two.

MapGeo: People have been truly pleased with the information available online via our use of MapGeo. Soon they'll like it even more. Megan's been working with MapGeo tech support to implement a Property Record Card updater. Once finished we will update MapGeo on a weekly basis. If I visit a property and make a change to the property's record, it will be accessible the next week. Sometime during the fall I will update the property lines. This can only be done once a year (more often if we pay extra) so I don't want to create the new update file until I've had a chance to edit the tax maps, and that won't begin to happen until after tax bills are out.

Personal Property: Came across an interesting situation with a Rockport business. Leasing companies, in their contract, typically pass along their personal property taxes back to the lessee. I was contacted by a local business who couldn't understand a charge on his lease bill. He was paying personal property tax on an item that the company was also billing him for taxes on. They were charging him three times more than we were. I contacted the leasing company and learned there is stipulation in the personal property tax portion of the contracts that states, "We are permitted to profit from this charge." Profit is a more polite word than I would use.

Taxes: As the month closed, we were rounding into good shape as far as our data collection is concerned and seem to be on target for a commitment date at the end of August.

TO: Rick Bates, Rockport Town Manager & Select Board
FROM: Sue Dates, Rental Agent
RE: **Opera House Department Head Report**
DATE: **July 2014**

During the month of July Bay Chamber started the summer series with 4 concerts & rehearsals on the last four Thursdays and used the auditorium for a few rehearsals. The Camden Rotary had asked that I put a hold on July 4 as a rain venue for the concerts scheduled at the Camden Amphitheater and Park. Rain was predicted (and it did rain in the late afternoon and evening) and the decision was made to bring the concerts to the Opera House. I am very happy to say that everything went off without a hitch and the daytime events were well attended. The evening event had fewer people, probably due to the rain. Next year the Opera House is already on hold as a rain venue and it will be advertised in all publicity by the Rotary. They used both upstairs and down and we were happy to have them here. Maine Media used either the meeting room or the auditorium every Monday and Tuesday for lectures, the Garden Club held their annual luncheon meeting, Alex Wilder and Mostly Brothers and Company held a chemical free dance, Peter Paton held his Summer Variety Show, and Cycles of Life had 2 rehearsals for their upcoming Women's Works Performance.

Revenue for the month of July was \$3,419.75 and the Opera House was used 23 days of the 31 available for at least one event each day and many days for 2 events.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board's regular meeting and a workshop, and the Zoning Board. The Planning Board was canceled. The Library held an Art Show with an evening lecture and the Library Children's Program continues each Tuesday afternoon. Kim had the UMO Planetarium show start the 5 week series.

Maintenance this month included: trying to keep the building cleaned and setup for the various events. The white shell had to come down for a concert, a show, and a rehearsal and back up for Bay Chamber's concerts. This is a time consuming, but necessary process. Some of the renters confirmed their setup during the week before the events were to be held. The bush that grows up the fire exit on the east side of the building was trimmed. Our security guard, Ken, noticed light bulbs out and alerted me, so Randy could get those changed. Ken, also, reported that one of the toilets in the men's room was loose on the floor. Mike had the plumber come in and replace the flange, as it was rusted out. I always ask everyone to please tell me when they notice something isn't correct or supplies are needed. This is the only way we can keep track of what is wrong and get it fixed or purchased in a timely manner. Randy checks things when he cleans, but there are many items you don't check all the time – like toilets loose on the floor. Monica thought the A/C unit wasn't working, so we had RMI take a look and George found that it was working properly. The thermostat is set for 70 degrees and it was 70 degrees in the auditorium. It was only about 66 degrees outside and this does not allow for optimum a/c flow. That night's concert ended up with a temperature of 70 degrees inside and some complained that it was cold. There was a power outage in Rockport and Jason came over the next day and made sure the compressor for the sprinkler was working. It was and I thank Jason for his help. On the last Wednesday of the month – after the power outage – a portion of the meeting room ceiling fell and it was wet. It appears we have a leak in another one of the sprinkler pipes. Our sprinkler repair company was called and came down to inspect and there is a leak, which will need repair. We are waiting for an estimate. The chair lift was inspected by the company hired to do the inspection for the State at the end of the month. It did not pass – even though we tried a number of things. The next day he was still in the area and came back to try again. I remembered that there are fuses in the system. The inspector was able to change what appeared to be a blown fuse and the lift worked and was passed. As he was here

for another inspection, we should only get a charge for one time, which is lucky for us. I met with a bride and her mother for a possible wedding rental next year and a bride and groom for a possible rental in February along with other possible renters. Overall, this has been an eventful month, but everything has worked out well.

Last year maintenance included: trying to keep all events in the correct place with correct setup on correct day. The second week was busy every day with large events and small ones with different setups. Randy, Geoff Parker, and I worked closely together to make events successful from the Opera House perspective. Randy came in very early on many days for cleaning and setup. It was, probably, the busiest week we have ever had. A toilet was repaired and it needs to be replaced, the State inspection of the chair lift was successful after the lift was repaired, and we borrowed the CSD lift to focus the lights and replace bulbs. The recently purchased projector was used by CIFF and BCC for events. Revenue was \$2492.00 and the Opera House was used on 22 of the 31 days for at least 1 event and, usually, 2.

Rockport Public Library

JULY 2014



Great July weather did not keep people out of the library! Many thanks to Kim Slocomb, our Children's Librarian, who kept the summer reading program on track, even while learning new responsibilities as our technical services librarian!

With Kim's help, each Tuesday in July, the library offered a wide variety of summer reading events. Continuing the celebration of FIZZ, POP, BOOM, the library offered Popping Out in Stars, by Northern Stars Planetarium, Tom Ulichny brought in an array of drums and showed how to make all kinds of music with drums, hands and feet! The Chewonki Foundation showcased their Animal Adaptation program and the kids (and their parents) got to experience a variety of animal visitors. Our Deputy Director, Ben Blackmon, helped to keep everyone safe and dry during our annual Harbor Cruise at the harbor. The kids got to learn the best ways to look for buried treasure, geocaching rocks and minerals and had fun with a mineral scavenger hunt. Liza Walsh shared her new book, the Treasure Hunter Handbook and was a wonderful way to end the summer reading program. We had many new science books on space, chemistry and astronomy and almost all were checked out! For one additional program, we had the Herring Gut Learning Center bring a touch tank program into the children's room so that kids could learn about animals found in tide pools in the Gulf of Maine. Yes, they really got to touch them! We were able to provide free programs to 104 children and 98 adults with just the summer reading program.

The library also presented a wonderful program by Maine artist Robert Shetterly, whose artwork is called Americans Who Tell the Truth. His work is a combination of portraits and narratives that highlight citizens who courageously address issues of social, environmental, and economic fairness. This was a great opportunity to learn about social activism, history and the research (much of which is done at libraries) that goes into creating the artwork.

The Friends of the Rockport Library really outdid themselves with their massive annual book sale in July! Over four days, with more than 25,000 books, assorted puzzles, children's programs and a marvelous bake sale, it was quite an event. The book sale was helped by over sixty volunteers, and the amazing work of the Public Works Department!

The library continues to try to make a bit of extra seating where we can, so you may see chairs and tables rearranged. Recently, I have had requests for rooms that could be used for literacy coaching for kids or even a support group meeting for foster parents, which does outline the interest and need for additional space at the library.

Many thanks to town manager, Rick Bates for his support of the fiber optics initiative, which has enhanced the library internet experience for patrons and visitors alike!

STATISTICS:

Circulation	July-14	July-13	% Change
Adults	3886	4048	-4.0
Young Adults	440	389	13.1
Children	1714	2006	-14.6
Total	6040	6443	-6.3

TOTAL CIRCULATION ALSO INCLUDES 32 HONOR SYSTEM BOOKS (AND PUZZLES)

Attendance	July-14	July-13	% Change
Adults	2477	2547	-2.7
Young Adults	169	172	-1.7
Children	452	356	27.0
Total	3098	2985	3.8

Total attendance are tracked by hand, which means this is a conservative figure. The Library does not have an electronic door counter.

Interlibrary Loan	July-14	July-13	% Change
Incoming	619	616	0.5
Outgoing	664	685	-3.1

ebooks	July-14	July-13	% Change
Audio	39	22	77.3
ebooks	151	139	8.6

COMPUTER	July-14	July-13	% Change
Computer Usage	458	508	-9.8

*OF THE 458 UNITS OF COMPUTER USE, 62 WERE IDENTIFIED AS PEOPLE USING THEIR OWN DEVICES WITH THE LIBRARY WI-FI. THIS INFORMATION IS ALSO MANUALLY TRACKED, SO IT IS LIKELY THAT THESE STATISTICS ARE ALSO CONSERVATIVE.

REFERENCE

	July-14	July-13	% Change
Reference	445	455	-2.2

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech Sessions
Adults	25	346	
Young Adults	0	2	
Children	11	210 Children 75 Adults	
Total	36	633	5

TECH SESSIONS ARE INDIVIDUALIZED SESSIONS OF AT LEAST 15 MINUTES. THESE ARE ABOVE AND BEYOND OUR EBOOK EDUCATION SERIES.

Activities, services, and programs:

633 people attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in July

- Children’s Summer Reading Programs
- Herring Gut Learning Touch Tank
- Americans Who Tell The Truth
- Twice monthly Fiber Arts Group
- Monthly book group with Jenni Ruddy
- Once a month Positive Wealth Book Group, with Robinsunne
- Twice-weekly French Conversation Group with Paul Charbonneau- Weekly story time for babies and toddlers
- Weekly Community Outreach Programs-Kim Slocomb
 - Coastal Opportunities
 - Pen Bay Child Care
 - YMCA Child Care
 - Mid Coast Recreation child care
- Drop-in Mah-Jongg group on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays
- BookLovers’ Café facilitated by Ann Filley
- 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 **What’s Happening section and Events Calendar.**

DESK INCOME, GIFTS, GRANTS OR DONATIONS: \$ 1,562.19

The library received several gifts for the purchase of materials! We continue to be very grateful to the people who are so generous.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

Along with all the countless volunteer hours for the annual book sale, our in house volunteers gave 61 hours or \$762.50 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.

08/02/14 Completed by Ann Filley, Library Director. Also find us on Facebook!

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

JULY, 2014

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	01
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	09	13
203/ D. Smith	28	36
204/ R. Shaw	16	19
205/J. Grinnell	09	17
206/ C. Plaisted	21	14
211/ C. Cooley	08	09

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents

Agency: Rockport PD	
911 Hangup	8
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Administrative	8
Agency Assistance	21
Alarm	27
Animal Bite/Attack	2
Animal Problem	9
Animal Welfare	1
Assault	5
Attempt to Locate	1
ATV Operation Problem	2
Back Pain	1
Non-sufficient Funds Check	1
Bail Check	1
Violation of Bail Conditions	1
Burglary	1
Car/Deer 10-55	3
Citizen Assist	6
Civil Problem	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Dead Body	1
Detail Assignment	1
Disabled Vehicle	4
Disorderly Conduct	9
Domestic	4
Drug Take Back	2
Controlled Substance Problem	6
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	18
Fireworks	2
Found Property	2
Fraud	3
Harassment	2
Information Report	18
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	3
Lost Property	1
Mental Health Issue	5
Miscellaneous CAD Call Record	1
Nuisance	4
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	4
OUI Detail	3
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	3
Parking Problem	4
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	10
Pedestrian Check	2
Violation of Protect Frm Abuse	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	5
Property Check	54
Radar Detail	3
Runaway Juvenile	1
Sex Offender Registration	1
Report of shots fired	3
Suspicious Vehicle	1

Suspicious Person/Circumstance	4
Theft	4
Theft of Services	1
Threatening	2
Traffic Hazard	10
Traffic Violation	65
Traffic Stop	14
Trespassing	8
Unsecure Premise	2
Utility Problem	4
Vehicle off roadway no damage	2
Vehicle Maintenance	17
Vehicle Search	5
Wanted Person	2
Well-Being Chck	62

Total Incidents for This Agency:	486

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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	2	3	2	1	3	6	3	20
01:00-01:59	0	3	3	3	2	1	0	12
02:00-02:59	2	2	1	1	1	0	5	12
03:00-03:59	5	3	2	1	1	1	5	18
04:00-04:59	2	7	3	2	2	2	5	23
05:00-05:59	1	0	0	1	0	2	3	7
06:00-06:59	0	3	4	0	0	1	1	9
07:00-07:59	1	2	3	3	3	1	0	13
08:00-08:59	2	2	2	3	1	3	1	14
09:00-09:59	3	2	5	0	0	3	1	14
10:00-10:59	5	5	1	2	2	2	5	22
11:00-11:59	5	4	1	2	2	1	3	18
12:00-12:59	5	2	7	1	2	4	2	23
13:00-13:59	4	3	5	2	2	1	3	20
14:00-14:59	8	5	4	6	1	3	5	32
15:00-15:59	1	4	7	8	3	1	3	27
16:00-16:59	3	3	3	3	3	4	2	21
17:00-17:59	4	3	4	7	1	3	4	26
18:00-18:59	1	7	4	4	3	2	3	24
19:00-19:59	0	4	2	2	2	3	2	15
20:00-20:59	1	3	6	5	8	2	1	26
21:00-21:59	8	9	5	9	6	6	4	47
22:00-22:59	1	5	3	2	8	7	1	27
23:00-23:59	1	1	3	2	3	4	2	16
Total by Day	65	85	80	70	59	63	64	486

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 07/01/14` and `23:59:59 07/31/14`
All agencies matching `0704`
All offenses observed
All offenses reported
All offense codes
All nature of incidents
All location codes

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Harbormaster Report July 2014

- Two bids for the new boat engine were received. The low bidder, Yachting Solutions was awarded the bid. They only need about a day turnaround with the boat out of the water. I am looking forward to working with them to get the engine installed in early August.
- We received 4 bids for the BIG Grant electrical upgrade project. C&C Electric from Hermon was the low bidder and awarded the contract. We have met several times with Jeremy Gifford from C&C Electric and a representative from MDOT. As many of the fixtures and specifications/required approvals have a long lead time, we agreed on a September 15th start date. The last wedding at the harbor is the 13th so digging will begin after that. The floats will be wired up for power and pedestals and ready to go next season.
- The fisherman's fuel tank was relocated closer the fisherman's float. It is tucked in behind their bait shed and a pump was installed to provide fuel for the fisherman. The fuel tank and pump are owned and operated by Mainely Lobster, the lease holder of the buying station in Rockport.
- By relocating the fuel tank we were able to clean up the section of commercial parking only and make a couple of more spaces. Public Works put some gravel in and 'Commercial Fisherman Parking Only' signs were installed.
- The old Timberwind floats and ramp began to break free and when the wind was blowing from the north they were hitting the pier. We towed the floats around to under the bridge and hauled them onshore. I was hoping to salvage at least one of the floats for later use but other than a few pieces of hardware that was able to be salvaged the floats were not worth saving. The metal ramp has a few broken welds but is fixable. We will store it at Public Works and see if we can re-purpose it in the future.
- Received several calls regarding oil in the water. Upon investigation it the source was undetermined. The amount of oil was not retrievable.
- Responded to a call from a motor vessel that had a lobster trap line wrapped in its prop. It was able to be freed with out having to cut it.
- Fox on the Run has been a big hit at the harbor this summer. They regularly sell out of food. As part of the power upgrade we will be installing a 30 Amp plug for them to be able to plug in and be relocated to a better location for all in the future.

JULY HARBOR REVENUES

Launch Box- \$325.00

Merchandise \$703.00

Dockage- \$518.00

Parking \$392.00

Showers- \$137.00

Wait List Fees- \$70.00

Miscellaneous- \$90.00

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster

Rockport Fire Department

July 2014

08/05/2014

July found Rockport Fire heading out on calls all hours of the day and night totaling 18 calls. Several early morning alarms and car accidents got the volunteers up and out the door before 5:00m on several calls. 10 alarms throughout the town this month kept us on our toes and heading to each side of town.

Training took place out on Whitetail Dr and the top of Mill St where each firefighter properly placed the fire trucks pump into gear, pull prime on the pump and flowed water out the deck gun at 150 PSI. There was 2-3 revolution where the firefighters refreshed their skills on how to set a truck up, draft water and flow water. Rockport Fire has not had to do a lot of drafting from ponds over the years so this is an important skill to keep fresh when going to Camden or hope.

All the new radios that had been purchased from the donation have been received and installed. Engine 22, 23 and 21 all received 2 new Motorola CM300's radio's into the truck. All 10 new portables have also been placed on all 4 trucks and handed out to the two assistant chief's. There is a back order on the 15 pagers that were purchased as part of the donation from the Cascade Foundation and are expected by end of August.

Attendance for calls continues to average around 15 members and drills are at 18 members per training. Turnouts are running higher than last year by just a few members which making a good presence in the public for our department.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Peasley