

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
July - 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
Ann Filley, Interim Library Director

Public Safety

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

Office of Planning and Community Development
Monthly Report – July 2015

Permits

Code Enforcement Officer. Thirty-Nine (39) CEO permits were issued in July 2015. The figure included seventeen (17) building permits, one single family dwelling, seven (7) sign permits, three (3) use permits, two (2) vegetative clearing permits, two (2) demolition permits, one (1) shore access permit, one entrance, and one (1) moving structure permit were issued. This compares favorably to the Twenty-seven building permits issued in July 2014. This is the first month for which I have noted an increase year-to-year.

Local Plumbing Inspector. Two (2) internal plumbing permits, two (2) subsurface wastewater permits and one (1) sewer permit were issued in July 2015. Six (6) plumbing permits were issued in July 2014.

Boards & Committees:

Planning Board: The Planning Board met in July 2015 to reconsider the June 17, 2015 approval of an amended plan of a Private Way submitted by Andrea and Robert Lovell. At the applicant's request, the Private Way Plan and Amended Subdivision Plan approvals were "vacated." A notice will be filed by staff in the Knox County Registry of Deeds. In July, the Planning Board also granted final approval of the Site Plan application by Schooner Bay Taxi, subject to MDOT and ZBA approvals.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals met in July 2015 and granted Special Exception approval to Schooner Bay Taxi to operate as a "Public Utility" as defined in the LUO. The taxi company's new location is 409 Rockland St. The owners Chris and Renita Merritt have closed on their purchase from Bob Emery and will live in the exiting home and work out of the existing 6,600 square foot garage.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in June 2015.

High Priority Projects

2014 SHIP Harbor Grant: The Town has been awarded a 2014 Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) grant through MDOT to drive 10 new pilings and install 5 new floats for a total project cost of \$53,400. The floats were constructed by the Town in May and June as part of the matching funds requirement. Prock Marine of Rockland started and finished driving the piles and connecting the floats in June. In July, I requested reimbursement for \$26,700 from MDOT, the maximum amount possible under the grant award.

The 2014 SHIP grant project is on the Marine Park side of the Harbor and is intended primarily for short term rental use by transient boaters – not to be confused with ongoing work on the commercial fishermen's side of the Harbor which is also being performed by Prock.

2015 NEA "Our Town" grant application. In July I worked with Monica Kelly of the Bay Chamber Concerts and Music School 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).

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

**TOWN CLERK
MONTHLY REPORT/JULY 2015**

We issued 7 (8) Fishing Licenses, 2 (2) Hunting Licenses, 2 (3) Fishing & Hunting License, 0 (1) Resident Spring-Fall Turkey, 0 (1) Archery, 0 (1) Expanded Archery Antlered, 0 (1) Expanded Archery Antlerless, 0 (1) Bear Hunting License, 1 (1) Over-70 - Lifetime and 2 (1) Saltwater Fish Registry. Fees collected totaled \$317.00 (\$500.00).

56 (50) Boat Registrations, 0 (1) Boat Transfer, and 16 (9) ATV Registrations, 40 (27) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters) were issued. Fees collected were \$3,161.19 (\$3,021.00), which includes \$895.19 (\$1,342.00) for sales tax.

We issued 8 (7) dog licenses at a fee of \$24.00 (\$28.00). All of these dogs are new to Rockport.

Processed 14 (9) transfers, 325 (222) passenger cars, 3 (1) passenger cars (no fee), 1 (1) passenger (half rate), 14 (6) antique vehicles, 21 (13) commercial vehicles, 36 (28) trailers, 1 (2) motor home, 9 (7) motorcycles, 6 (2) moped, 0 (1) bus, 0 (1) farm truck, 1 (2) duplicate registrations and 1 (7) duplicate stickers. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$73,702.70 (\$68,702.41), up 7.28%.

We processed \$230,954.12 (\$200,933.41) in real estate taxes this month. On July 7th, we processed 302 (267) 30 day notices. This was for taxes that have not been paid. The due dates were October 15, 2014 and April 15 2015. A lien will be placed on any unpaid balances. We also send 17 summons for unpaid personal property.

We collected \$6,769.60 (\$2,910.00) for mooring, river dinghy rack, dinghy rack space, schooner berthing, overnight docking, sale of merchandise, showers, park rental, etc. and waiting lists fees. We also collected \$1,201.20 (\$1,628.00) in boat excise tax.

The Cemetery Committee had a meeting to discuss a Cleaning and Leaning Workshop to be held at the Glen Cove Cemetery on August 29th. I attended Department Head Meetings and took off a few personal days. My assistant clerk also was able to enjoy some days off.

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

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - July 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 July 2015 includes the following:

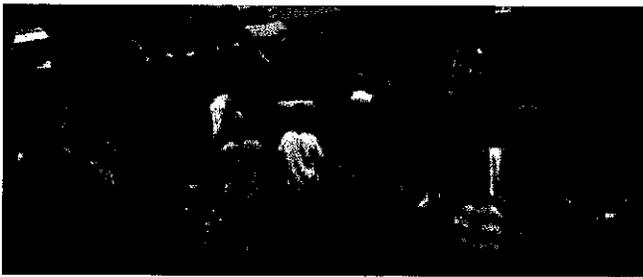
- Interest earned on all deposit accounts was 0.85%.
- 97.8% of taxes have been paid for FY 14-15; \$292,441.32 remains outstanding in taxes receivable.

	Previous Month June 2015	Current Month July 2015	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago July 2014	Difference	% Change
General Fund							
Budget-Current Month Expenses							
Payroll	103,953	111,541	7,588	7.30%	135,876	(24,335)	-17.91%
General Fund Checking	1,203,928	1,134,801	(69,127)	-5.74%	934,971	199,830	21.37%
Total Expenses	1,307,881	1,246,342	(61,539)	-4.71%	1,070,847	175,495	16.39%
Budget-Current Month Revenues/Transfers							
Deposits Only	497,682	405,237	(92,445)	-18.58%	707,900	(302,663)	-42.76%
NET	(810,199)	(841,105)	(30,906)	3.81%	(362,947)	(175,495)	-131.74%
Cash on Hand Balance							
All GF Cash Accounts	3,057,219	2,218,056	(839,163)	-27.45%	2,941,036	(722,980)	-24.58%
Taxes Paid (for the month)	317,154	192,521	(124,632)	-39.30%	276,821	(84,300)	-30.45%
Total Taxes Paid-end of Month	12,806,101	12,998,623	192,521	1.50%	12,375,603	623,020	5.03%
Investments-Bar Harbor Trust Services							
Public Assistance	280,467	285,828	5,361	1.91%	274,916	10,912	3.97%
Cemeteries	380,269	387,538	7,269	1.91%	347,406		
Wastewater	263,472	268,508	5,036	1.91%	0	268,508	
Total Investments	924,208	941,874	17,666	1.91%	622,322	319,552	51.35%
Investments-The First (Opened 11/27/13)							
Public Assistance	129,485	129,578	93	0.07%	128,429	1,149	0.89%
Cemeteries	171,637	171,761	124	0.07%	162,307	9,454	5.82%
Total Investments	301,121	301,339	217	0.07%	290,736	10,603	3.65%
Combined Totals Investments	1,225,330	1,243,213	17,883	1.46%	913,058	330,155	36.16%
Wastewater							
Budget-Current Month Expenses							
Expenses	74,212	99,951	25,739	34.68%	65,678	34,273	52.18%
Revenue	33,501	62,779	29,278	87.39%	36,048	26,731	74.15%
NET	(40,711)	(37,172)	3,539	-8.69%	(29,630)	(7,542)	25.45%
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance							
WW General Fund	288,329	251,157	(37,172)	-12.89%	1,056,816	(805,659)	-76.23%
BHTS-Investment	263,472	268,508	5,036	1.91%	0	268,508	
The First-Investment	116,291	116,375	84	0.07%	383,825	1,059	0.28%
Total Cash	668,093	636,041	(32,052)	-4.80%	1,440,641	(536,092)	-55.85%
WW Accounts Receivable							
30 Day	60 Day	90 Day	Over 120 Days	Advance Payments			
100,944	4,648	2,272	35,029	(3,514)			
TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable July 2015					139,379	141.26%	
Accounts Receivable July 2014					57,772		

Rockport Public Library

JULY 2015

How many ways can we say thank you for all the work done by an army of volunteers, library staff, and our own Public Works Department on behalf of the annual Friends of the Rockport Public Library book sale? Over four days, with more than 25,000 books, assorted puzzles, audio and video and special collections, it was quite an event. The book sale and Friends' memberships brought in over \$15,000.00! The profits from the sale go directly to the library to support technology, programs and material purchases.



This year's Summer Reading Program is titled *Every Hero has a Story*, and in July the library offered four wonderful events. Mad Science of Maine helped us to celebrate heroes of science and led by Martin Molecule, author Liza Walsh presented her writing workshop, showcasing her newest book *Muddy*

Boots. This was a great opportunity for kids to have fun writing their own stories and creating wonderful super hero costumes. July 21st brought Aldemere Farms celebrating farm heroes and ending with a close up and personal introduction to local sheep! While we usually wrap up the end of the Summer Reading program with the annual Rockport Harbor Cruise, this year was postponed to the first week in August, due to weather concerns. So far, over the course of the five week program we served 376 children and 125 adults. For the final week of the summer program there are drawings for two ukuleles, a Kindle ereader, t-shirts and book bags.

Also in July, author Kate Braestrup discussed and read from her new book, *Anchor and Flares*. This event took place at the Rockport Opera House and was sponsored in conjunction with Sherman's Books. The library also started Rockport Gambit, a new chess club for all ages. We had seven people come in to learn, play and teach! Great fun! Visits to the library spiked in July, and many more people made use of their own devices and free Wi-Fi access. The library had over 4,000 visitors in July. 722 people attended library programs. We brought in 114 new items (books, audio, movies, and music) to the library in July, including extra copies of Harper Lee's novel, *Go set a Watchman*. The library plans to offer a special *Go Set a Watchman* discussion group in light of all the interest and discussions that are occurring already!

Work on the front entrance was completed, repairing most of last winter's water damage to the interior ceiling, the front doors and vestibule. With the completion of both the library consultant report and the CES, Inc. engineering study the Rockport Select Board discussed the next steps for the building; what are the steps needed to try to remediate the possible mold and safety issues? The result of the July SB meeting was to receive recommendations for a temporary building for the library, while ongoing plans for new construction are scheduled for discussion in August and September. Both reports are available on the library website, located under Future Planning.

STATISTICS:

Circulation	July-15	July-14	
Adults	4016	3886	
Young Adults	344	440	
Children	1269	1714	
Total	5792	6040	-4.1

TOTAL CIRCULATION ALSO INCLUDES 49 HONOR SYSTEM BOOKS (AND PUZZLES)

Attendance	July-15	July-14	
Adults	4201	2477	
Young Adults	73	169	
Children	285	452	
Total	4559	3098	47.2

Interlibrary

Loan	July-15	July-14	
Incoming	651	619	5.2
Outgoing	577	664	-13.1

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

ebooks	July-15	July-14	
Audio	89	39	128.2
ebooks	74	151	-51.0

COMPUTER

	July-15	July-14	
Usage	452	458	-1.3

*of the 452 units of computer use, 141 were identified as people using their own devices with the library WI-FI. This information is manually tracked.

	July-15	July-14	
Reference	394	445	-11.5

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech Tutor
Adults	31	218	
Young Adults	0	3	
Children	19	376 Children 125 Adults	3
Total	50	722	3

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

Activities, services, and programs:

722 people attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in July!

- Children's Summer Reading Programs
- Kate Braestrup author talk and presentation
- Rockport Gambit Chess Club
- 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: \$ 908.15

The library received several gifts for materials and one donation in memory of Barbara C. Smith by the Rockport Garden Club.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

Along with all the countless volunteer hours for the annual book sale, our in house volunteers gave 40 hours or \$500.00 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.

08/05/2015 Completed by Ann Filley, Library Director. Also find us on Facebook!

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

JULY, 2015

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	0
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	08	07
203/Dana Smith	43	31
204/Robbi Shaw	11	11
205/ Cooper Plaisted	05	01
206/ James Moore	08	13
211/ C. Cooley	11	12

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	9,055	623.7	14.518

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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	14
Administrative	6
Agency Assistance	21
Alarm	19
Alcohol Offense	2
Animal Noise	2
Animal Problem	5
Animal Welfare	2
Assault	2
Non-sufficient Funds Check	1
Bail Check	3
Violation of Bail Conditions	5
Burglary	1
Car/Deer 10-55	4
Citizen Assist	2
Civil Problem	3
Criminal Mischief	2
Detail Assignment	2
Disabled Vehicle	4
Disorderly Conduct	8
Drug Take Back	2
Controlled Substance Problem	4
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	23
Fireworks	1
Fish & Game	1
Found Property	5
Fraud	1
Harassment	3
Hit and Run 10-55	1
Identity Theft	2
Illegal Burning	1
Information Report	13
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	1
Lost Property	5
Mental Health Issue	5
Nuisance	2
Obstructing Gov't Admin	1
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	3
OUI Detail	5
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	11
Paperwork Servd For This Agenc	2
Parking Problem	3
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	9
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	2
Probation/Bail Check	1
Release of Property	2
Property Check	60
Radar Detail	10
Robbery	1
Report of shots fired	2
Stray Animal	4
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	12
Theft	5
Theft of Services	2
Theft - Automobile	1
Threatening	1
Tobacco Problem	1
Traffic Hazard	5
Traffic Violation	65
Traffic Stop	3
Trespassing	4
Underage Drinking	1
Unsecure Premise	1
Vehicle off roadway no damage	3
Vehicle Maintenance	15
Vehicle Search	4
Wanted Person	4
Well-Being Chck	53
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Total Incidents for This Report:	480

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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	0	1	1	0	7	2	7	18
01:00-01:59	0	0	1	0	2	2	2	7
02:00-02:59	0	2	4	3	2	1	1	13
03:00-03:59	4	5	2	5	1	4	1	22
04:00-04:59	6	4	2	3	5	2	4	26
05:00-05:59	3	0	1	2	2	0	4	12
06:00-06:59	1	1	0	1	3	0	0	6
07:00-07:59	1	2	4	0	1	3	0	11
08:00-08:59	0	3	4	3	4	1	2	17
09:00-09:59	3	4	2	2	4	2	5	22
10:00-10:59	5	4	6	2	2	0	2	21
11:00-11:59	2	5	6	1	3	2	4	23
12:00-12:59	2	6	7	4	8	0	4	31
13:00-13:59	4	6	3	4	3	4	4	28
14:00-14:59	2	6	8	4	2	0	6	28
15:00-15:59	6	5	7	2	3	0	1	24
16:00-16:59	2	3	2	4	3	1	2	17
17:00-17:59	3	4	1	5	5	4	3	25
18:00-18:59	5	2	3	1	2	2	2	17
19:00-19:59	1	0	2	2	3	1	2	11
20:00-20:59	4	2	2	3	3	3	2	19
21:00-21:59	3	8	6	8	9	4	5	43
22:00-22:59	1	2	3	3	6	4	2	21
23:00-23:59	2	0	1	1	8	4	2	18
Total by Day	60	75	78	63	91	46	67	480

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 07/01/15` and `23:59:59 07/31/15`

All agencies matching `0704`

All offenses observed

All offenses reported

All offense codes

All nature of incidents

All location codes

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Harbormaster Report

July 2015

We still saw a lot of boats being launched into mid-July this year which confirmed the late start to the season. July saw a lot of park goers and boaters alike and the mackerel and squid are running.

- Prock Marine showed up with a drilling barge early in the month to drill the piles for the commercial side of the harbor. As they began to drill it became apparent that it wasn't just bald ledge and required a different fitting that had to be welded on to drill out boulders and gravel above the ledge. After much deliberation and a few days of trial and error and retro fitting the docks to be able to accommodate where the piles had to be drilled, they were able to drill and socket 4 piles on the two float systems on the commercial side of the harbor. I appreciate everyone's patience having to deal with a barge in the harbor over the 4th of July holiday but the project is complete with even more dock space than we initially anticipated. The cooperation by Mainely Lobster and the lobstermen who were forced to load their gear by hand for a few days was much appreciated. It is a good thing that the barge came in early July rather than mid-late August when the lobsters are in.
- Both the Harbor Committee and the Select board voted to approve a fee for the electrical service on the dock. 30 Amp power is \$10/night and 50 amp power is \$20/night. This will hopefully attract bigger boats to come in and spend the night on our docks.
- If you have driven by the harbor this past month you may have noticed that the view has been progressively opening up over the course of the month. Arborists from Goodridge and Lermond and the Public Works crew were been busy cutting and trimming all of the overgrowing growth along the hill at the harbor. By taking out all of the overgrowth and trimming the big trees, they not only opened up the view but also aid to the health of the existing trees.
- We had 4 calls out to help disabled vessels. 2 were towed back to their moorings, 1 back to the dock and one was able to get back to the dock under its own power and just needed assistance in navigating in the harbor in the fog.

<u>Harbor Revenues</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>
Boat excise	\$1770.60	\$1201.00
Dinghy Rack	\$75.00	\$100.00
Launching	\$289.00	\$740.10
Misc.	\$5.00	\$200.00
Mooring	\$1099.00	\$941.00
Merchandise	\$634.00	\$225.50
Showers	\$161.00	\$105.00
Dockage	\$664.00	\$1378.00
Parking	\$180.00	\$130.00
Wait List	\$20.00	\$60.00
	\$4297.00	\$5080.50

Rockport Fire Department July 2015

8/06/2015

Monthly of July saw 14 calls, tours of the fire house by YMCA day campers on three different days, all day training on new Engine 23 followed by putting that truck in service. I completed a final inspection of the Hospitality house on Old County to help pass their Fire Marshall Office inspection.

July brought the department's first severe injury by a citizen from burning brush. I was called to a home where someone attempted to light a burn pile with gas which had horrible results. I arrived on scene and saw a male with 2nd and 3rd degree burns and advised they need to get to the ER ASAP which resulted in them being taken by life flight to Portland to be treated.

On Sunday July 12 sixteen members of the fire department spent 7 hours in the classroom and in field getting a full class on operations and safety of new Engine 23. A instructor from Greenwood Emergency Vehicles came from Massachusetts. We spent 3 hours in the class room, 3 hours in the field and then another few hours putting all the new equipment on the truck allowing us to have the truck in service that day.

Throughout July Firefighters have spent hours completing their driver training required by BLS of new Engine 23. As Chief I have conducted all the initial training with a minimum of 2-3 hours of drive time all round the town. We now have 9 firefighters checked off to driver the new truck and continuing to add members each week

During the month we received 11 False Alarms, 2 car accidents and one bon fire explosion that caused personal injury. Training for July was all conducted with focus on New Engine 23.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Peasley