

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT  
DEPARTMENT REPORTS  
March ~ 2015**

**General Government**

James Francomano,  
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  
Mark Kelley, Police Chief  
Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster  
Jason Peasley, Fire Chief & EMA Director (State Statistics Behind)

# Office of Planning and Community Development

## Monthly Report – March 2015

### Permits

**Miscellaneous Permits:** Three (3) permits were issued in March 2015. The figure included one (1) building permit for a renovation and two (2) sign permits. Twenty-five building permits were issued in March 2014.

**Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits:** Four (4) internal plumbing permits were issued in March 2015. Eight (8) plumbing permits were issued in March 2014.

### Boards & Committees:

**Planning Board:** The Planning Board met in March 2015 and approved an amendment to the final subdivision plan for the Brewster Point Subdivision off Warrenton Street. The new plan, if recorded by the applicant in the Registry, will reduce the number of approved lots.

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** The Zoning Board of Appeals met in March 2015 to review a Special Exception application at 149 Old County Road for the Knox county Homeless Coalition and a Special Exception at 59 Old County Road for a proposed daycare facility. The Homeless Coalition withdrew their application due to questions about land acquisition. The daycare facility was approved.

**Ordinance Review Committee:** The full slate of proposed amendments to the Land Use Ordinance was reviewed at a Planning Board workshop and was generally viewed very favorably by the Board. One member had significant concerns with treating the Hospital differently than others.

### Projects :

**2014 SHIP Grant – Floats and Pilings:** The Town has been awarded a Small Harbor Improvement Grant to drive 10 new pilings and install 5 new floats for a total project cost of \$53,400. In March, quote from Custom Float of Portland was accepted and a deposit paid to secure delivery of the materials. The five new floats will be constructed by Public Works. Prock Marine of Rockland was the successful bidder on the pilings job which scheduled for completion in early summer.

**2013 BIG Grant.** The Town of Rockport received a 2013 Boating Infrastructure Grant (BIG) through MDOT for lighting and dock power at Marine Harbor Park. The Town spent over \$160,000 on the project, which was completed in December 2014. We have requested and are now waiting for reimbursement from MDOT in the amount of \$99,975, which is the maximum amount allowed under the terms of the grant award.

**2015 NEA “Our Town” grant application.** In March we continued research and scoping work on a grant proposal to the National Endowment for the Arts due in the fall. Ideally this would involve improvements to the Opera House’s quality and quantity of live performances, extensive outreach and music education for local families as well as seed funding and guidance to support a House Manager, promotion and/or event booking-type position.

**2015 Maine Coastal Program grant application.** In March we began work on an application to the MCP grant program for funding to continue water quality studies and watershed analysis to learn more about the sources(s) of pollution at Goodie’s Beach which have frequently caused closures and health concerns. Bob Kennedy will be the lead author on this grant application.

*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 (MARCH 2015)

- We issued 1 (0) Outdoor Partners, 2 (3) Fishing Licenses, 0 (5) Hunting and Fishing Licenses, and 0 (1) Over 70-Lifetime. Fees collected totaled \$65.00 (\$293.00).
- 37 (22) Boat Registrations, 4 (2) Snowmobiles and 0 (0) ATV Registrations were issued. Fees collected were \$1,008.00 (\$604.50) which includes \$0 (\$27.00) for sales tax.
- We issued 13 (32) dog licenses at a fee of \$50.00 (\$131.00). Maynard Stanley, Animal Control Officer contacted anyone who had not licensed their dogs by us sending 56 letters and will possibly summons them to court.
- Processed 8 (11) transfers, 184 (175) passenger cars, 1 (1) antique vehicle, 13 (9) commercial vehicles, 22 (19) trailers, 1 (1) motor home, 7 (12) motorcycle, 5 (0) special equipment, 3 (1) tractor/special mobile, 0 (0) Farm Truck, 2 (0) duplicate registrations and 7 (2) duplicate stickers. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$52,560.44 (\$52,560.44). This is a 5.93% increase.
- We processed \$1,152,528.49 in real estate taxes this month compared to last year's \$706,324.97. Real Estate taxes are due April 15<sup>th</sup>. The 6<sup>th</sup> of this month was the last day for payment of the 2012 liened and now foreclosed properties. We ended up with four timeshares and two pieces of property. We sent the owners letters giving them a final opportunity to redeem the property.
- Harbor Fees are coming in with fees due by the close of the day on May 1st. On May 2nd the fees for moorings and tie-offs are subject to a late fee of \$50 per month for up to 2 months. We collected \$9,644 (\$9,318) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, commercial floats, launching/hauling, private float and waiting lists fees. Anyone who wants to remain on the waiting list, needs to pay before the end of the business day, March 9<sup>th</sup> or their name will be removed from the list. We also collected \$2,416.30 (\$893) in boat excise tax.
- I attended several meetings this month - two Select Board meetings and took minutes for same, four Budget Meetings, and an excel class.
- Chaired a Cemetery Committee Meeting. The Committee is working on revising the Rules and Regulation Booklet and formulating a new Interment Notification Application.
- Nomination papers are available for the following openings: 2) 3 year term for Select Board and Overseer of the Poor, 3) 3 year term for the Budget Committee, 2) 3 year term for Library Committee 1 and 1) 1 year term for the Library Committee, and 1) 3 year term for Director of SAD #28 and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board. They need to be returned to me by the end of the day on April 24th.

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

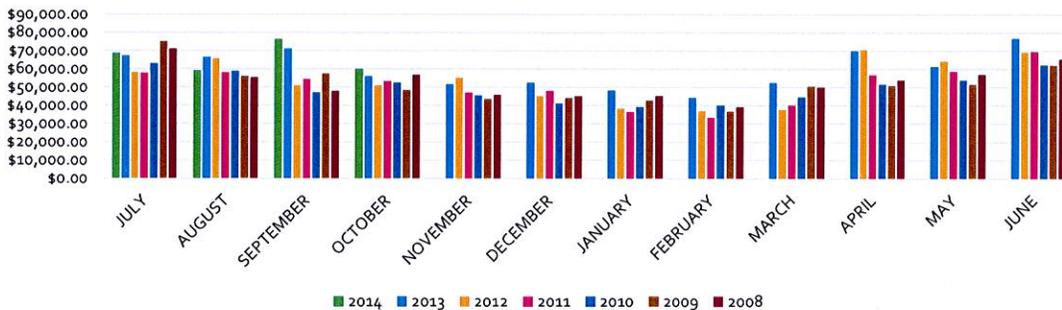
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ANALYTICAL REVIEW OF EXCISE TAX COLLECTION

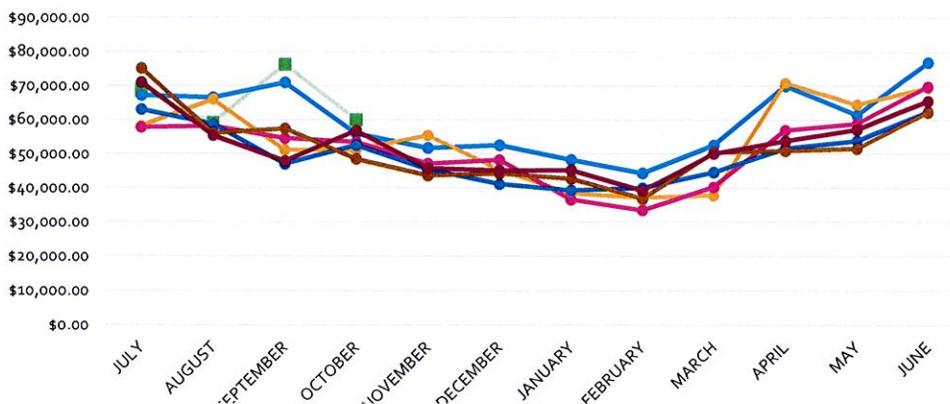
Fiscal Year 2000 to Current

DATE	7/1/2014 - 6/30/2015		7/1/2013 - 6/30/2014		7/1/2012 - 6/30/2013		7/1/2011 - 6/30/2012		7/1/2010 - 6/30/2011		7/1/2009 - 6/30/2010		7/1/2008 - 6/30/2009
JULY	\$68,702.41	2.20%	\$67,225.62	15.27%	\$58,317.88	0.74%	\$57,890.72	-8.19%	\$63,057.23	-16.12%	\$75,171.34	5.77%	\$71,072.47
AUGUST	\$59,178.21	-11.13%	\$66,591.37	0.68%	\$66,138.91	13.45%	\$58,295.31	-0.87%	\$58,805.26	4.73%	\$56,151.89	1.24%	\$55,465.47
SEPTEMBER	\$76,353.38	7.55%	\$70,993.60	38.49%	\$51,263.57	-6.24%	\$54,674.33	16.27%	\$47,021.78	-18.16%	\$57,454.01	19.88%	\$47,926.85
OCTOBER	\$60,049.70	7.32%	\$55,955.27	9.07%	\$51,302.54	-4.21%	\$53,555.48	1.95%	\$52,529.70	8.35%	\$48,480.90	-14.76%	\$56,873.69
NOVEMBER			\$51,760.59	-6.82%	\$55,547.11	17.52%	\$47,265.31	3.97%	\$45,460.23	4.10%	\$43,671.01	-4.77%	\$45,860.29
DECEMBER			\$52,568.70	15.64%	\$45,460.62	-6.06%	\$48,394.44	17.65%	\$41,135.90	-7.05%	\$44,257.94	-2.10%	\$45,206.73
JANUARY			\$48,305.74	25.12%	\$38,606.06	4.99%	\$36,769.61	-6.46%	\$39,309.87	-8.02%	\$42,737.50	-5.71%	\$45,327.11
FEBRUARY			\$44,387.09	18.88%	\$37,339.23	11.02%	\$33,631.56	-15.96%	\$40,018.47	8.60%	\$36,850.63	-6.29%	\$39,325.12
MARCH			\$52,560.44	38.20%	\$38,033.01	-5.97%	\$40,449.06	-9.39%	\$44,640.65	-11.60%	\$50,497.29	0.64%	\$50,176.07
APRIL			\$69,995.00	-1.36%	\$70,957.09	24.34%	\$57,067.01	10.48%	\$51,654.69	1.39%	\$50,948.80	-5.45%	\$53,883.62
MAY			\$61,391.88	-5.00%	\$64,622.93	9.60%	\$58,962.45	9.40%	\$53,895.39	4.47%	\$51,590.37	-9.79%	\$57,189.59
JUNE			\$76,932.86	10.63%	\$69,540.47	-0.52%	\$69,901.89	12.01%	\$62,405.20	0.27%	\$62,239.53	-5.11%	\$65,594.60
<b>ANNUAL TOTALS</b>	<b>264,283.70</b>	<b>-63.23%</b>	<b>718,668.16</b>	<b>11.05%</b>	<b>\$ 647,129.42</b>	<b>4.91%</b>	<b>\$616,857.17</b>	<b>2.82%</b>	<b>\$599,934.37</b>	<b>-3.24%</b>	<b>\$620,051.21</b>	<b>-2.18%</b>	<b>\$633,901.61</b>

Excise Tax 6 Year Comparison -Column Style



Excise Tax 6 Year Comparison -Line Style



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

- Interest earned on all deposit accounts was 0.85%.
- 62.94% of taxes have been paid for FY 14-15; \$4,926,268.59 remains outstanding in taxes receivable.

	Previous Month February 2015	Current Month March 2015	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago March 2014	Difference	% Change
<b>Budget-Current Month Expenses</b>							
Payroll	95,687	85,490	(10,198)	-10.66%	113,484	(27,994)	-24.67%
General Fund Checking	1,039,260	1,086,017	46,757	4.50%	1,020,847	65,170	6.38%
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>1,134,947</b>	<b>1,171,507</b>	<b>36,560</b>	<b>3.22%</b>	<b>1,134,331</b>	<b>37,176</b>	<b>3.28%</b>
<b>Budget-Current Month Revenues/Transfers</b>							
Deposits Only	237,846	1,298,237	1,060,392	445.83%	837,652	460,585	54.99%
<b>NET</b>	<b>(897,101)</b>	<b>126,730</b>	<b>1,023,832</b>	<b>-114.13%</b>	<b>(296,679)</b>	<b>(37,176)</b>	<b>142.72%</b>
<b>Cash on Hand Balance</b>							
All GF Cash Accounts	1,376,351	1,521,784	145,434	10.57%	594,341	927,443	156.05%
<b>Taxes Paid (for the month)</b>	<b>132,293</b>	<b>1,117,755</b>	<b>985,461</b>	<b>744.91%</b>	<b>381,963</b>	<b>735,792</b>	<b>192.63%</b>
<b>Total Taxes Paid-end of Month</b>	<b>7,247,041</b>	<b>8,364,795</b>	<b>1,117,755</b>	<b>15.42%</b>	<b>7,582,816</b>	<b>781,979</b>	<b>10.31%</b>
<b>Investments-Bar Harbor Trust Services</b>							
Public Assistance	289,113	287,671	(1,442)	-0.50%	266,131	21,540	8.09%
*** Cemeteries	365,346	390,037	24,691	6.76%	336,305	53,732	15.98%
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>654,459</b>	<b>677,708</b>	<b>23,249</b>	<b>3.55%</b>	<b>602,436</b>	<b>75,272</b>	<b>12.49%</b>
*** Includes Deposit for Perpetual Care							
<b>Investments-The First (Opened 11/27/13)</b>							
Public Assistance	129,115	129,210	96	0.07%	128,158	1,052	0.82%
*** Cemeteries	163,204	174,689	11,484	7.04%	161,963	12,726	7.86%
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>292,319</b>	<b>303,899</b>	<b>11,580</b>	<b>3.96%</b>	<b>290,121</b>	<b>13,778</b>	<b>4.75%</b>
<b>Combined Totals Investments</b>	<b>946,778</b>	<b>981,607</b>	<b>34,829</b>	<b>3.68%</b>	<b>892,557</b>	<b>89,050</b>	<b>9.98%</b>
<b>Wastewater</b>							
** Expenses	73,304	457,415	384,112	524.00%	61,443	395,972	644.45%
Revenue	116,861	426,399	309,537	264.88%	34,207	392,192	1146.53%
<b>NET</b>	<b>43,558</b>	<b>(31,016)</b>	<b>(74,574)</b>	<b>-171.21%</b>	<b>(27,236)</b>	<b>(3,780)</b>	<b>13.88%</b>
**Expenses include Sewer Expansion Project.							
<b>Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance</b>							
WW General Fund	326,250	295,234	189,186	-9.51%	289,911	5,323	1.84%
**** BHTS-Investment		270,240					
The First-Investment	386,057	116,045	380,844	-69.94%	383,004	(266,959)	-69.70%
<b>Total Cash</b>	<b>712,307</b>	<b>681,519</b>	<b>(30,788)</b>	<b>-4.32%</b>	<b>672,915</b>	<b>(261,636)</b>	<b>1.28%</b>
**** Funds Transferred from The First Cash Investment Account							
<b>WW Accounts Receivable</b>							
	<b>30 Day</b>	<b>60 Day</b>	<b>90 Day</b>	<b>Over 120 Days</b>	<b>Advance Payments</b>		
	23,393	5,781	15,949	21,875	(4,281)		
	TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable March 2015					62,718	41.36%
	Accounts Receivable March 2014					44,367	

**March 2015  
Department Head Report  
Kerry Leichtman  
Assessor**

**Reval Update:** The reval update is well underway. Rob Tozier has been to Rockport twice, once in Feb and again in March and will return in April. Rob is handling the residential portion of the project. When not in Rockport, Rob is working on our reval from his Haverhill, MA office using a remote connection to our Vision system. His partner, Ken Rogers, is working on commercial properties. All known businesses in Rockport received an income/expense survey in March. Once the responses are in, Ken will process the information and work on the valuations. Rob and I spent a considerable amount of time at Eastward and a portion of the Bay Ridge subdivision. These are two areas I had highlighted as needing careful attention. I'm very pleased with the results we have so far.

**Exemptions:** I presented information to the select board relative to Midcoast Recreation Center's bid for tax exemption as a benevolent and charitable organization. The select board has no authority or responsibility on the decision, but I had previously established four points MRC needed to achieve for me to grant the exemption. One of the points was an endorsement of MRC as an important community resource. MCR did receive the board's endorsement by a 3-2 vote. Not a clear mandate but a majority vote.

**State Board of Property Tax Review:** We received notice from the State Board that the appeal filed by Stuart Smith regarding 3 Cross Street (formerly Farmers Fare) against the town will be heard April 9. We are to exchange papers 21 days before the hearing. This would have given us 8 days to prepare. With a change of attorneys taking place (Bill Plouffe retiring on April 1), this was not enough time to bring the new attorney up to speed. We requested a later date on those grounds and were rescheduled to June 4 & 5. That should be ample.

**Current Use:** I approved a Tree Growth application for a property on Misty Ridge Drive and an Open Space application for a property we all know well - the cow pasture across Rt 17 near Porter Street. It was bought by a couple from upstate New York for preservation purposes. The wife half of the couple spent considerable time here as a young girl. She and her husband are thrilled to own the land.

**Personal Property:** Even if the weather won't cooperate, for me the first sign of spring is the personal property mailing. We got that out by March 15. Megan did all of the prep work before leaving to have Lucas so all I needed to do was put on the postage and then put them in the mail. The returns started coming within a few days.

**State Budget:** The state has been doing its bi-annual budget dance. With so much partisan posturing and bickering it's difficult to get a sense on how things will be in the state budget's final version. One of the Governor's proposals was to eliminate the homestead exemption for people under 65 years old and double it for people 65 and older. By the time the sides reconcile (if they do) it would most likely be too late for me to separate the young from the less young. The result of that would be that many would not get the doubled exemption because I wouldn't have been able to age-qualify them in time. So I sent out a letter that informed people of the debate taking place in Augusta (and giving them Joan and Dave's contact info should residents want to voice their opinion) and asking people who would qualify to bring or send proof of age. The reaction was gratifying. Those who commented voiced disagreement with the proposed age discrimination against the under 65 crowd. And many enjoyed being "carded" for the first time in years.

TO: Rick Bates, Rockport Town Manager & Select Board  
FROM: Sue Dates, Rental Agent  
RE: **Opera House Department Head Report**  
DATE: **March 2015**

During the month of March Everyman held its last day of the play 'As It Is In Heaven'. They built a small stage that sits on the floor for a theater in the round effect for the audience. Other groups will be allowed to rent the stage and they will be responsible for it. Ashwood Waldorf School was allowed to use this stage for their play 'The Pirates of Penzance'. The students and audience enjoyed the experience for both events. Ashwood Waldorf, also, rented the Opera House this month for what has become their annual auction fund raiser, which included the Dawler Sisters.

Revenue for the month of March was \$1,100.75 and the Opera House was used on 11 of the 31 days for at least one event.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board regular meeting, 2 nights of Budget Review meetings on the 2015-2016 budgets, Select Board budget consensus meeting with a warrant articles vote meeting held after, and the Zoning Board meeting. The Planning Board meeting was moved to the Town Office due to the televised Budget Review meetings.

Maintenance this month included: cleaning after the Everyman play was finished, cleaning the basement to get ready to store the new stage in our basement for use by others and Everyman in the future, setting up for the various Town meetings with their various setups. Tom Sadowski, a very skilled light person who helps us out, came in and spent a few hours reprogramming the light board. We will have new rules regarding the light board in the future with closer control over what goes on. We have written down where the lights 'live' in the dimmer packs. Tom hooked up the 2 auditorium light fixtures on the side bars and programmed those into the light board. These lights can be easily moved & focused when we need to have extra light on the stage or on the floor. The electrician was called in because the main breaker blew during the Ashwood Auction. Luckily, Geoff Parker was there and went to the basement to find out why we suddenly had no electricity in any of the building. He turned the breaker back on and had no problem after that. The electrician said that there was not enough electricity being used in the building and that this should not have happened. Everything looked as it should inside the box. He felt that either there was a sudden power surge from outside or that something in the transformer on the outside pole had caused this to happen. In either event – if it happens again, we will call CMP and have them check their transformer on the outside pole and/or look for another problem. This has never happened that we know of since the building was remodeled in 1992 and we have had huge groups draw a lot of power in the building. March was a snowy, cold month. We kept an eye on the front steps and the heat. I let RMI know when we turned on the steps, as this draws extra heat and keeps the furnace running more than usual. George Haselton came over and checked on the condition of the mechanisms that keep the steps going. He has recommended that we service these this spring and do this annually. There was a very quick turnover between the Ashwood Events as the stage was picked up and put in the basement and final cleanup and setup for the Auction occurred. A thank you to all who helped to make our Opera House run better this month- Everyman Theater – Paul Hodgson & John Bielenberg-who put the stage in and allowed Ashwood to use it for free, the Rockport Select Board for letting Ashwood rent for a slightly reduced rate (the show was very successful), Tom Sadowski for coming down to meet me and fix the light board problem, Geoff Parker-who bent over backwards to help make events a success, George for realizing that the steps heat needed to be looked at and coming when Randy was there to show him where it is, Randy – who moved things around on days he wasn't supposed to be there and helped Ashwood do their auction setup for me (I had to be out) & Andy Field - who allowed Randy to take extra time off to make sure things got done.

Last year maintenance included: discovered that the stove did not work properly and scheduled to have it cleaned and repaired; several rentals with different changes to the auditorium floor plan meant extra hours for Randy; some painting of the upper front stairs hallway to clean up the wall where marks had been made by tables, chairs, and people; finished painting the lower hallway where the sprinkler had leaked and been repaired; the phone system and internet access is down, due to water in the underground pipe and the freeze and thaw cycle. The phone/ internet problem required a number of trips to the Opera House for Mike, Geoff, & Sue. Sue made several phone calls to try to fix the situation. Revenue was \$1,224.75 and the Opera House was used on 10 of the 31 days.

# Rockport Public Library

## March 2015

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The library (and the rest of the town) welcomed those warmer temperatures in March, a bit more sun and a touch more warmth caused foot traffic and library visits to rise. And speaking of foot traffic, the library now has installed patron counters to better ensure the accuracy of our patron count. This will help our tracking process enormously.

The annual report for the Maine State Library was completed (2013/2014) and the library participated with the rest of the town departments in the annual budget process. Being on a committee or coming to public meetings is a great way to feel a part of the town!

Our Youth Services Librarian, Ben Odgren, has begun an additional outreach program to Little Learners Childcare, bringing books and reading to all those little learners, ages 14 months to five years! Over the course of this outreach program, he read to 111 kids!

We had another successful Mah-jongg work-shop! Two Saturday sessions, which were taught by Chris Sady and Lila Vultee. This is the second year that they offered their time and expertise and the response was terrific, with about 12 to 14 people coming in each session.

The library also welcomed author, Denise Park Parsons, who discussed her book, *Touchstone: A Life Unseen*. This is her story of her daughter's life with Aicardi Syndrome, a rare neurologic disorder. Sixteen people came to listen and meet Denise Park Parsons.

Our monthly Foreign Film night which was co-sponsored by our French Conversation Group and brought in 11 people. The film that was shown was *Le Garmin Au Velo, or The Kid with a Bike*.

So what is going on with the building? The Library Committee continues to work with the town and the community to create options which will continue to provide the services of today, while planning for the future, which is becoming increasingly difficult in our current space. To tackle the job of looking at the building, inside and out, the Town has submitted a Request for Proposal to look at the library from an engineering and architectural standpoint. The scope of this work will entail a complete evaluation of the building to determine those burning questions: Can we expand? Should we expand? Do we rebuild the library? Does it make fiscal sense with-in the confines of the current building? What about safety and acceptable work spaces?

In March, the library had over 2700 people visit us at the library, which is about 10% over the same time last year! With 61 programs and 638 participants, March stayed busy! It is interesting to note that while this month our circulation of books and materials is down, people coming into the library is up. The library is not just about the books!

April is Poetry Month and our wonderful Poets' Corner is once again offering some great events.

STATISTICS:

Circulation	March-15	March-14	% Change
<b>Adults</b>	<b>3089</b>	<b>3439</b>	<b>-10.2</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>-15.5</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>1110</b>	<b>1799</b>	<b>-38.3</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4446</b>	<b>5502</b>	<b>-19.2</b>

TOTAL CIRCULATION ALSO INCLUDES 24 HONOR SYSTEM BOOKS (AND PUZZLES)

Attendance	March-15	March-14	% Change
<b>Adults</b>	<b>2454</b>	<b>2125</b>	<b>15.5</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>22.7</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>182</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>-30</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2728</b>	<b>2460</b>	<b>10.9</b>

Total attendance (people coming into the library). The library began using a door counter on March 23, while still manually tracking Young Adults and Children coming into the library.

Interlibrary Loan	March-15	March-14	% Change
<b>Incoming</b>	<b>560</b>	<b>620</b>	<b>-9.7</b>
<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>594</b>	<b>637</b>	<b>-6.8</b>

Maine Infonet Statistic:

	March-15	March-14	% Change
<b>ebooks</b>			
<b>Audio</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>42.6</b>
<b>ebooks</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>137</b>	<b>-19.7</b>

COMPUTERS

	March-15	March-14	% Change
<b>Computer Usage</b>	<b>392</b>	<b>487</b>	<b>-19.5</b>

\*OF THE UNITS OF COMPUTER USE, 72 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

	March-15	March-14	% Change
<b>Reference</b>	<b>546</b>	<b>351</b>	<b>55.6</b>

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech Tutor
<b>Adults</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>210</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Children</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>348 Children 80 Adult</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>638</b>	<b>4</b>

TECH TUTOR ARE INDIVIDUALIZED SESSIONS OF AT LEAST 15 MINUTES.

**Activities, services, and programs:**

**638 people** attended **61** library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in March

- Tech Tutors: Individual lessons on lap tops, eReaders and other technology
- Twice monthly Fiber Arts Group
- Monthly book group with Jenni Ruddy
- RPL French Group hosts *Cine Francais* every other Tuesday night
- Book talk, Touchstone: A life unseen
- Mah-Jongg workshops with Chris Sady and Lila Vultee
- Twice-weekly French Conversation Group
- Weekly story time for babies and toddlers
- Weekly Wednesday after-school story time
- Weekly Community Outreach Programs-Ben Odgren
  - Coastal Opportunities-Kim Slocomb
  - Pen Bay Child Care
  - YMCA Child Care
  - Mid Coast Recreation child care
  - Little Learners child care-new!
- 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 **News!** and **Events Calendar**.

DESK INCOME, GIFTS, GRANTS OR DONATIONS: \$1,204.84

The library received gifts for the purchase of books and other materials in the combined amount of \$602.00. Non residence fees, book-bag sales, and library fines, and misc. donations made up the rest.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

Volunteers gave 51 hours or \$637.50 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.

April 6, 2015 Completed by Ann Filley, Director. Also find us on Facebook!

TO: Richard Bates, Rockport Town Manager & Select Board  
FROM: Mike Young, Director **Public Works** Department  
RE: **Department Head Report**  
DATE: **March 2015 (from February 27 thru April 2 = 5 weeks)**

1. **Worked on:** '10 Freightliner – wing & plow shoes; took 2 trucks to Whited Ford to have them put on the machine to try to find out what is wrong; the '09 was left at Whited for repairs and picked up later
2. **2015 Western Star Truck:** picked the truck up from Freightliner in Westbrook and took it to H.P. Fairfield in Skowhegan to have it equipped with the wing, plow, dump body, sander, etc.
3. **Town Office:** plowed around the Town Office to move some snow away from the building
4. **Library:** picked up light bulbs for the Library – they do their own replacement now
5. **Garage:** cleaned the break room 2 x; picked up in the garage; Steve & others cleaned out the break room and Steve painted the walls and ceiling & put everything back; met with roofing company to look at garage roof
6. **Meetings:** Dept. Head meetings, interviews for a Town Engineer, Woodard & Curran – sewer and contract meetings, met with a scaffold company for estimate on renting scaffolding for the Opera House; budget meetings-2 Select Board & Budget Committee, 1 Select Board, 1 Budget Committee, a Stream Crossing workshop presented by MDEP, 1 Select Board meeting with meeting for budget consensus votes; viewed several resident's properties for mailbox, fence, & other property damage due to all the snow this winter
7. **Harbor:** cleaned out doggie pots as best as we could, due to freezing; new float 'parts' delivered to the PW garage to have the crew build the new floats, again, this year.
8. **Parks & Rec Dept.:** cleaned out doggie pots as best as we could, due to freezing
9. **ROH:** worked out in front on the sidewalk to make it safe for rentals and meetings after storms; Mike met with a scaffold company about rental of scaffolds for the repair project; Steve heavily sanded the sidewalk and plowed the wind row from the street just before Ashwood came in for the first rehearsal of their play
10. **Rt. 1 Sewer Extension:** met with Woodard & Curran to discuss time line to finish the sewer extension this spring
11. **Storms:** March 2 & 4; March 14, 15, & 16 was the weekend long storm spent plowing, sanding, salting, chasing drifts, etc. This weekend storm left a large amount on the ground to be cleaned up by all. MMA reports that the snow in Rockland by mid-March was 112 inches and the norm is 65 inches.
12. **Salt received:** 95.10 tons We ordered more, but had a few problems with Morton Salt & our contract amount. This was straightened out in April 1 and deliveries started, again.
13. Cold patched around town several times
14. Helped Jason, when necessary, to clean out the fire hydrants
15. Picked up waste oil after making phone calls to find some. It is getting harder to find the waste oil because businesses are either putting in their own furnace or selling it.
16. Some culverts cleaned out
17. Made some new signs and put those and some old ones back up – this winter was hard on our signs

Man hours available this month – regular – 1,387 + part-time - 40 + overtime - 255=1,682; Approximate man hours on the above projects – 785 regular hrs. + 40 pt + 255 ot = 1,080.  
This does not include the small extra projects, errands, and twice a week trash removal.

Last year we worked on the '01 Freightliner (put into service 2x), '04 Freightliner, '10 Freightliner to Bangor with problems, '04 F550, '07 Freightliner; Town Office – trimmed pine trees & replaced a bulb; Library – Mike & Steve took Pat Messler around the building to look at all the problems; Garage – cleaned out and painted the Ladies' Rm., picked up waste oil, cleaned the break room – several times, moved vehicles around and cleaned out the last 2 bays to work on Harbor floats, made a tool hanger, washed & cleaned several trucks; Meetings- Select Board, 2 Select Board & Budget Comm., 1 Budget Comm., met

with CMP about Harbor Lighting project, Steve met with Woodard & Curran & CMP about Phase 3 lighting and the Sewer Extension Project, Harbor Comm., Union Negotiations, Morris Leather from Fairpoint about Harbor Lighting and Sewer Extension Project; Harbor – lighting project plans continue, planning for new floats – delivery of supplies including- molded shells, lumber, hardware, and started to build the floats at the PW Garage; trees & brush cut and we picked up; RES East – allowed a moving van to park in the driveway overnight during a storm; ROH – tried to get the phone line and the Adelphia cable connection repaired, but found that they both had been frozen and it is suspected that the outside rubber has been broken and, possibly, the wires; Storms – March 5, 11, 12, 13, 20, & 26 of various intensities with snow and rain, sanded-plowed-chased drifts- cleaned out drains for rain; Salt –line was overdrawn to get salt at the lower price this year for next year, had to reconcile the PO's with the finance dept. due to the way PO's recorded; Rt. 1 Sewer Extension – continued to try to satisfy MDEP requests for information so we could start the project this year, a new person was assigned to us and progress and approval were accomplished, met with MDEP & Woodard & Curran; culverts cleaned out, picked up waste oil, cold patched; picked up old toilet someone threw on the roadside; did road patrol for limbs and blocked culverts and hauled brush; sanded MCSWC when needed; salted sidewalks as often as we could. Man hours available – 977 + 147 overtime = 1,124 and accounted for 1,085.

# ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## MARCH, 2015

### OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	0
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	15	12
203/Dana Smith	40	37
204/Robbi Shaw	04	24
205/ Cooper Plaisted	17	13
206/ James Moore	01	06
211/ C. Cooley	16	16

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VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	8,995	579.1	15.532

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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	4
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Administrative	8
Agency Assistance	13
Alarm	19
Alcohol Offense	1
Animal Problem	1
Animal Welfare	1
Assault	2
Non-sufficient Funds Check	2
Bail Check	3
Violation of Bail Conditions	2
Burglary	1
Car/Deer 10-55	2
Citizen Assist	7
Deliver Message	1
Disabled Vehicle	5
Disorderly Conduct	10
Domestic	4
Controlled Substance Problem	7
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	12
Escort	2
Fingerprinting	1
Fireworks	1
Found Property	2
Fraud	2
Harassment	3
Hit and Run 10-55	3
Identity Theft	1
Information Report	10
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	4
Lost Property	1
Mental Health Issue	6
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	4
Nuisance	1
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	3
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	3
Parking Problem	5
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	8
Pedestrian Check	4
Violation of Protect Frm Abuse	2
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3
Probation/Bail Check	1
Property Check	51
Public Works Referral	9
Radar Detail	29
Recovered Stolen Property	2
School Visit	8
Suspicious Vehicle	6
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	3
Theft	1
Traffic Hazard	6
Traffic Violation	70
Traffic Stop	8
Utility Problem	2
Vehicle off roadway no damage	6
Vehicle Maintenance	17
Vehicle Search	4
VIN Number Inspection	1
Wanted Person	6
Weapon Offense	1
Well-Being Chck	67
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Total Incidents for This Report:	474
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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	1	1	0	3	0	3	2	10
01:00-01:59	2	1	0	0	1	1	2	7
02:00-02:59	2	1	2	3	2	3	0	13
03:00-03:59	6	8	3	1	4	0	8	30
04:00-04:59	7	4	2	2	2	4	2	23
05:00-05:59	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
06:00-06:59	0	1	2	1	0	1	1	6
07:00-07:59	3	1	3	6	9	1	0	23
08:00-08:59	0	3	0	1	1	6	4	15
09:00-09:59	5	2	1	0	3	2	2	15
10:00-10:59	2	2	2	1	2	1	3	13
11:00-11:59	4	4	3	2	3	2	0	18
12:00-12:59	1	10	2	2	10	1	4	30
13:00-13:59	8	7	4	2	1	2	8	32
14:00-14:59	7	7	12	13	5	1	1	46
15:00-15:59	6	7	4	5	4	2	3	31
16:00-16:59	4	2	4	6	5	3	4	28
17:00-17:59	3	3	5	5	3	4	4	27
18:00-18:59	1	3	6	4	5	0	4	23
19:00-19:59	5	2	2	1	3	2	2	17
20:00-20:59	1	4	4	2	1	3	3	18
21:00-21:59	1	3	2	1	3	4	2	16
22:00-22:59	2	3	2	0	1	9	3	20
23:00-23:59	2	2	0	0	3	3	1	11
Total by Day	73	81	67	61	71	58	63	474

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 03/01/15` and `23:59:59 03/31/15`  
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

March 2015

March is typically a month that we begin to take one foot out of winter and put it into spring. This March seemed to be an extension of our long winter, with both feet in the snow and ice.

- Attended the Maine Harbormasters Associations annual training at Maine Maritime in Castine. I attended to advanced program and Caleb Lincoln, my Deputy Harbormaster received certification in the basic course.
- Got the go ahead from MDOT to place an order for materials to the low bidder, Custom Float Services, to build the five new floats. Public Works crew will begin constructing the floats as soon as they can take their snow plows off.
- Prock Marine was awarded the piling project and will be driving piles for the SHIP grant project on the Marine Park side of the harbor and on the commercial side this spring.
- Have been making phone calls to remind mooring holders that we will not process their mooring payments with out a current boat registration or documentation and proof of excise payment. This will help enforce the proper use of the moorings.
- The Harbor Committee met and voted to adopt a Commercial Boat Operator Permit and fee for the 2015 season. The Committee also voted to reduce the number of committee members from 7 to 5. This reduction will allow a quorum to be met with 3 members rather than 4.

These changes were presented and unanimously approved by the Select Board.

- I typically try to get at least the Commercial fishing floats in the water by the end of March each season. By months end this year the floats were still very much encased in ice. We will have to set our sites on April.

Think spring,

Abbie Leonard

Harbormaster

## **Rockport Fire Department March 2015**

04/7/2015

March saw an increase in fire calls from previous months, as well as additional request from the community to check CO detectors or propane tanks. I received 8-10 calls throughout the month to check detectors or propane lines and tanks from members of the community with all the snow build up and amount of woodstoves and furnaces running for such long periods of time. As a department we had the opportunity to complete a full tour of PBMC facility as well as the Midcoast Rec Center.

During March I completed a fire extinguisher class for the 50 employees of Rockport Marine covering types of extinguishers, how to maintain them and proper use. I also completed a 2 hour safety inspection of the entire facility with safety Works of Maine and assisted with providing improvement feedback for safety of the buildings and the employees

Monthly trainings were moved to Tours based on snow storms falling on training nights. Additional training sessions have been scheduled for April to ensure meeting our yearly goals and requirements.

18 calls kept our volunteers busy with 8 False alarms, 3 CO alarms, 3 Propane leaks (all caused by snow build up on vents or pipes), 3 Car accidents no injuries, 2 chimney fires and 2 odor investigations for smoke. One call was Mutual Aid to Rockland to assist with chimney fire on RT 90.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Peasley