

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

General Government

William Najpauer, 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, Interim Library Director

Public Safety

Michael Young, Public Works Director
Craig Cooley, EMA Director – Nothing to Report
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master
Jason Peasley, Fire Chief (State Statistics Behind)

Office of Planning and Community Development

Monthly Report – May 2014

Permits

Miscellaneous Permits: Twenty-six permits were issued in May 2014. The figure included 8 building permits for accessory structures and renovations, 5 sign permits, 4 vegetative clearing permits, 1 demolition permit, 2 vendor/peddler permits, 1 E911 permit, 2 filling and excavation permits, 1 home occupation permit and 2 new family dwelling permits. Twenty-five permits were issued in May 2013.

Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits: Four internal permits and one subsurface wastewater permit were issued in May 2014. Two internal permits and two sewer permits was issued in May 2013.

Boards & Committees:

Planning Board: The Planning Board met in May to discuss the proposed land use ordinance revisions.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in May 2014.

Ordinance Review Committee: The committee begin meeting on January 9, 2014 and has concluded its work. The proposed ordinance changes have been reviewed by the Planning Board at their April 9, 2014 meeting. The Planning Board voted to recommend the proposed ordinance changes as presented by the Ordinance Review Committee to the Selectboard.

Sewer Ordinance Working Group: The Sewer Ordinance working group was established in January 2013 and has completed their tasks. The committee will meet one more time to review some revisions to the technical documents for the installation and construction of sewers.

Projects

Mid-Coast Transit Study: Representatives of Rockport, Thomaston, Rockland and Camden selected a transportation consulting firm to complete a mid-coast transit study. This process was an outgrowth of the Gateway 1 effort and is designed to explore transportation alternatives in the Midcoast area. The draft plan/project has been presented to the region and the committee is now discussing the recommended option presented by the consultant. The committee met on April 22, 2014 and discussed how to implement the plan. A meeting is scheduled in May to establish a timeline and strategy for implementation.

Old County Road Micro Corridor Project: Representatives of Rockport, Rockland and Thomaston have worked with the Mid-Coast Planning Commission to develop a series of recommendations for improvements to the Old County Road corridor. A meeting with MDOT to discuss the project was held on January 1, 2013 at 10 a.m. and MDOT did not commit to the recommendations contained in the plan. The Rockport portion of the roadway has been resurfaced.

Camden St. /Commercial St. Visioning Project: Rockport partnered with the Rockland Economic Development Advisory Council on a plan to stimulate ideas for the future growth and development of the Corridor. Four property owners in Rockport participated in the design project and each received a final report. The final consultant's report was shared with officials from both Rockland and Rockport.

Water Quality: A summary of the results from the summer beach testing are available at the Planning Office. The test results from the EPA water testing conducted this summer have been received and a smoke test and dye test was performed to pinpoint one or more causes of the pollution into the beach. These tests did not uncover any sources and additional measures will need to be employed.

Staff met with Scott Reynolds from Environmental Canine Services to discuss how specialized trained dogs may be able to assist us in our efforts to locate sources of pollution. After a camera survey of the sewer system is completed within the affected area this summer we will discuss if the expertise of Environmental Canine Services can contribute to the project.

BIG Grant – Tier I: The Planning Office completed a U.S. Fish and Wildlife 'BIG Tier I' grant for the Harbor with input from the Assistant Public Works Director and Harbor Master for additional lighting enhancements to encourage recreational transient boaters to visit Rockport Harbor. The Town was awarded the grant and the contract has been issued by MDOT. The total project cost is \$ 133,300. The bid process for the project is proceeding.

SHIP Harbor Grant: The Town has been awarded a Small Harbor Grant to install 4 new floats for a total project cost of \$53,400.

Sidewalk Grant: Camden and Rockport joined forces to submit a grant application to MDOT to extend the sidewalk in the MDOT right of way from Quarry Hill in Camden to L.E. Leonard's in Rockport. The grant was awarded and depending upon funding the design, planning and construction will extend from August 2014 to January 2016.

Project Canopy Grant: The Conservation Commission received a project Canopy Tree Planning Grant to plant trees within the harbor marina. The total project cost is \$8,370. The Conservation Commission will prepare a bid package in May for the planting project.

Revised Preliminary Floodplain Maps: The Town has received the revised preliminary floodplain maps which reflect the new floodplain data for properties along the coast. The maps may be viewed at the Planning Office. We are currently reviewing the preliminary maps to determine their potential affect upon coastal property and this should be completed during the month of April. Our initial review shows that the 100-year flood plain zones have been enlarged in two areas. Our continuing review of the preliminary maps is focused upon identifying any significant changes which may affect structures.

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
MAY 2014**

We issued 13 (14) Fishing Licenses, 0 (1) Hunting Licenses, 2 (3) Junior Hunting License, 6 (8) Hunting and Fishing Licenses, 0 (1) Muzzleload, 0 (1) Fishing & Archery License, 0 (1) Archery License, 0 (1) Expanded Archery Antlered, 0 (1) Expanded Archery Anterless, 1 (2) Spring & Fall Turkey, 0 (1) Second Spring Turkey, 1 (0) Superpack, 0 (1) Saltwater Fish Registry, and 3 (1) Over 70 Complimentary and 1 (0) Duplicate License. Fees collected totaled \$835.00 (\$866.00).

88 (68) Boat Registrations, 1 (0) Dup Registration & Stickers, 0 (0) Snowmobiles and 11 (4) ATV Registrations, 58 (49) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters) were issued. Fees collected were \$3,871.91 (\$3,296.90), which includes \$1,004.91 (\$1,164.90) for sales tax.

We issued 5 (18) dog licenses at a fee of \$22.00 (\$36.00).

Processed 11 (11) transfers, 320 (297) passenger cars, 6 (10) antique vehicles, 20 (42) commercial vehicles, 55 (49) trailers, 0 (0) motor home, 36 (31) motorcycles, 3 (5) tractor/spec mobile, 1 (0) special equipment, 1 (1) farm truck, 1 (2) moped, 7 (5) duplicate registrations and 5 (3) duplicate stickers. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$61,391.88 (\$64,622.93), which is down 5.00%.

We processed \$395,527.41 in real estate taxes this year compared to last years' \$215,983.32. The second half taxes were due on April 15th. We mailed 64 notices for unpaid 2013 personal property taxes and for the first time we sent 689 reminder letters to anyone who had not paid their 2013 real estate taxes. As a result of this, we have received 200 payments. The next step in the process is to send a 30 day notice.

We collected \$10,443 (\$6,388) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, waiting lists and merchandise fees. We also collected \$2,896.50 (\$2,235.40) in boat excise tax.

I attended one Select Board meeting and took minutes for same. I also attended a meeting for the Board of Assessment Review and took the minutes. Brenda, Shay and I attended the School Budget Election. I prepared ballots, etc. and posted warrants for the June Town Meeting and School Elections. I attended a class Title 21-A (Elections) held in Augusta. Flags for our deceased veterans were placed on their cemetery lots. Walter Greenlaw (my husband) and Heaven Bartlett (granddaughter) and I had the honor of placing them on the lots at Sea View Cemetery.

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

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - May 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 May 2014 includes the following:

- Wastewater cash investment earnings accrued at the rate of 0.85%.
- Interest earned on general funds was at the rate of 0.40%; same as last month.
- 94.42% of taxes have been paid for FY 13-14; \$765,000 remains outstanding in taxes receivable.

	Previous Month April 2014	Current Month May 2014	Difference	%	One Year Ago May 2013	Difference	%
Budget							
Wages	107,693	138,142	30,449	28.27%	133,958	4,184	3.12%
Other Expenses	930,516	964,932	34,416	3.70%	987,607	(22,675)	-2.30%
Total Expenses	1,038,209	1,103,074	64,865	6.25%	1,121,565	(18,491)	-1.65%
Total Revenue	4,313,223	489,426	(3,823,797)	-88.65%	374,017	115,409	30.86%
NET	3,275,014	(613,648)	(3,888,662)	-118.74%	(747,548)	133,900	17.91%
Cash on Hand Balance							
General Fund	3,869,602	3,257,036	(612,565)	-15.83%	2,971,079	285,957	9.62%
Taxes Paid (for the month)	4,141,268	374,698	(3,766,570)	-90.95%	250,585	124,113	49.53%
Total Taxes Paid-end of Month	11,724,084	12,098,782	374,698	3.20%	11,578,503	520,279	4.49%
Investments-Bar Harbor Trust Services							
Public Assistance	267,043	269,236	2,193	0.82%	364,973	(95,737)	-26.23%
Cemeteries	337,457	340,229	2,772	0.82%	461,246	(121,017)	-26.24%
Total Investments	604,500	609,465	4,965	0.82%	826,219	(216,754)	-26.23%
Investments-The First (Opened 11/27/13)							
Public Assistance	128,250	128,340	90	0.07%			
Cemeteries	162,080	162,193	113	0.07%			
Total Investments	290,330	290,533	203	0.07%			
Combined Totals Investments	894,830	899,998	5,168	0.58%	826,219	73,779	8.93%
Wastewater							
Expenses	65,413	82,407	16,993	25.98%	96,752	(14,345)	-14.83%
* Revenue	933,359	83,402	(849,957)	-91.06%	84,514	(1,112)	-1.32%
NET	867,946	996	(866,950)	-99.89%	(12,238)	13,234	-108.13%
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance							
* WW General Fund	1,085,450	1,086,446	189,186	0.09%	189,603	896,843	473.01%
The First-Investment	383,281	383,566	380,844	0.07%	380,330	3,236	0.85%
Total Cash	1,468,731	1,470,012	1,281	0.09%	569,933	900,079	157.93%
<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		
	26,611	20,920	1,974	24,482	(5,946)		
	TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable May 2014					68,040	11.92%
	Accounts Receivable May 2013					60,792	

March/April/May 2014
Department Head Report
Kerry Leichtman
Assessor

It has been an extraordinarily busy spring, made more so by the demands of researching and responding to exemption, abatement and abatement appeal applications. A typical spring is busy enough, with preparations for, and then the execution of, the annual personal property mailing to all businesses operating in Rockport; the preparation of real estate inspection packages and then the inspections themselves; the processing of Homestead and Veteran's applications; the responding to state and county filing requirements for various programs and valuation information, to name a few of the highlights. All of this on top of the normal functions of the department. So it with appreciation I note that Stacey let me off the hook the last couple of months and I didn't have to take the time to write department head reports. Which is especially good as I've been so busy I haven't been able to keep up with my journal.

Exemptions: There were two applications, both of which were very time consuming: Maine Media Workshops and Midcoast Recreation Center. I approved Maine Media and denied Midcoast Rec. Both applications dwell in the gray areas of what are allowed exemptions. Maine courts have consistently said, "Exemption is the exception and taxation is the rule." But they have inconsistently applied this maxim. The way statute reads neither one of these two organizations qualifies for exemption, yet inconsistent decisions by various courts at various levels of the judicial branch has created an unreasonable burden on assessors. With the courts having so much trouble interpreting statute, it becomes the Legislature's responsibility to create clarifying legislation. But they have ducked and dodged on the issue. I attended task force meetings the purpose of which was to figure out how to tax nonprofit organizations. They not only failed in their mission, they couldn't even agree on whether or not they agreed with the premise that some nonprofits should be taxed. The task force working group was loaded with partisans who represented the groups that didn't want to be taxed and politicians who didn't want to tax them. It was a farce. The task force met five times, I quit going after the third meeting.

Two years ago I removed the exemption the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship was receiving as a benevolent and charitable organization. They are clearly neither. Even so the Center's appeal to the Board of Assessment Review (BAR) was successful. I strongly disagreed with the board's action. But as a result of the BAR's action, when Maine Media applied for exemption I had little choice but to approve it. Equity and fairness is the philosophical center of how properties are assessed in relation to one another. Maine Media is more qualified to receive the exemption than is the Center, and so as long as the Center is receiving an exemption I am compelled to allow the same for Maine Media.

My denial of Midcoast Rec's application was the third time I have denied their request for exemption as a benevolent and charitable organization. That an indoor ice and tennis facility is even being considered for exemption illustrates how far the exemption standards have moved off center. There is only one example in Maine of a similar facility receiving exemption. That is Family Ice in Falmouth. The two facilities are organized and operate in very different manners, with Family Ice being, in my opinion, more in line with how a facility should operate if it expects to be exempted from property taxation. That I am in the position to have to make such a determination is an example of what I referred to earlier as an unreasonable burden on assessors.

Statute should make clear the difference between a charity and a nonprofit. It is my opinion that charities should be exempt and nonprofits should pay taxes. And I believe that is what was originally intended in statute, but those lines have been blurred by court decisions and

exasperated by legislative inaction. To exemplify the difference in understandable terms: Habitat for Humanity is a charity, the NFL is a nonprofit. Yes, that means the NFL (whose commissioner was paid \$44 million last year) is tax exempt. Don't get me wrong, I'm a fan of the product the NFL puts out – but tax exempt?

Abatement Appeals: The Board of Assessment Review (BAR) conducted two hearings in May: Megunticook RV Resort and Stephen and Lucile Hanscom. For those unfamiliar with the process, a taxpayer first files for abatement with me, if I deny the request they have 60 days to file an application with the BAR to appeal my decision. We typically have a handful of hearings each year – three this year, the two mentioned in this paragraph and another that is scheduled for June 12.

The BAR heard the appeal of Megunticook on May 13 and Hanscom on May 15. Both appeals were denied.

Both have 60 days to appeal the BAR's decisions to Superior Court.

Personal Property: PP schedule forms came in at a good pace throughout April and May, and are stacked neatly in my office awaiting the arrival of my new assistant (shared with Finance – more on that below). The deadline was May 15, with May 1 for anyone applying to participate in the BETE exemption program. Unlike the institutional exemptions such as that awarded to Maine Media, we are reimbursed by the state for 50% of all BETE exemptions. BETE and its elder sibling BETR, are complex programs. Maine Revenue Services Property Tax Director Dave Ledew refers to BETE as the most complex piece of legislation assessors have ever had to deal with. I like to hear that because when I was new at this administering the programs scared the carp out of me (yes I know, scramble the letters). Last year Maine Revenue Services conducted BETE audits for the first time since the program's inception in 2007. Municipalities who have more than \$1 million in BETE were audited first. We had \$6.5 million in 2013 and were one of the first towns audited. We passed the audit with no negative comments or corrections.

Municipal GIS: I made my last trip to Machias at the end of April for Municipal GIS, the first of five courses towards earning a certificate in GIS studies. It has been a difficult but rewarding course. This was the last of three trips to Machias during the semester. The rest of the course has been conducted online as live lectures.

New Assistant: Finance Director Ginny Lindsey and I have been without an assistant for a year and a half. It has, at times, been difficult. I've had to cut back on my activities, putting some things off and others onto a distant back burner. With the support of the town manager, we advertised for and found our new Administrative Assistant. On May 27 Megan Griffin, a resident of Union, accepted our offer and will start work June 16. We are looking forward to her arrival.

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

During the month of May the Opera House was rented by BCC for a Young Stars of Maine Concert, a rehearsal for Odeon, and a rehearsal for the adult class in preparation for their upcoming concert and the Garden Club held their monthly meeting.

Revenue for the month of May was \$20.00 and the Opera House was used 7 days of the 31 available.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board meeting and the Planning Board meeting. The Zoning Board meeting was canceled. The Library held an author talk in the auditorium. The concert, as part of their 100th year Anniversary Celebration on May 30, was canceled. Congratulations to the Rockport Library on being here for 100 years. At one time the Library was at the Opera House – back when the Opera House was the Town Office. They had a table of donated books that could be checked out by residents – and I have been told that they often were.

Maintenance this month included: work on the gas stove by PG Willey. The pilot lights wouldn't stay lit and the flame was very low on all of them. They found out that it was the gas lines that had become clogged with debris. These were ordered and put in. The stove has not been cleaned, we suspect, since it was purchased, because we rarely ever use it and I didn't know to clean it. Depending upon use, this may become a biyearly maintenance project to help alleviate problems in the future. This is an older professional gas stove and we turn off the gas to conserve on gas bills. At the urging of our Fire Chief, Jason, we had a radio fire alarm system installed. Our phone line (and cable connection) has been out most of the winter and Seacoast Security has not had the every night "check in" from the fire alarm to say that everything is ok and working at the Opera House. We now have fire alarm protection, again. Underground phone and cable are still out until we can get them fixed. Fiber optics cable is in the village and I understand will come to the Opera House. The front railing was replaced and between Mike and Kevin from Public Works and Randy the railing was sanded down and painted. The marquee was repaired and put back up. Interestingly, the marquee was built and put up a year ago by Jim Aldus and the crew. I believe this is ready for summer. Randy cleaned out the two lower cabinets in the kitchen and cleaned them. They have had a lot of times stored in there from the boosters to town used items. These cabinets are now organized. During the month I met with several organizations, renters, and caterers to look at the facility. I am happy to report that all were successful with several bookings. Randy did some painting and touchup to get ready for summer. He used some of the nice weather to paint some of the trim that old paint had come off from to preserve the wood. This is expected to be in the proposed bond for the preservation and repairs to the Opera House. Quarterly sprinkler inspection was done.

Last year maintenance included: repairs to a sink plumbing problem in the janitor's auditorium closet floor sink and to the ceiling in the ladies room that fell down when it got wet from the leak – nothing is ever simple and took a lot of time due to the complexity of the project; some of the outside fire escape and windows were painted – expected to be completed in June, if the weather cooperates. This has been a wet month. Quarterly sprinkler system inspection was done. A new marquee was built and put up by Jim Aldus and the PW crew.

Revenue was \$488.50 and the Opera House was used on 11 of the 31 days.

Rockport Public Library



MAY 2014

The library reached a fantastic milestone! We turned 100 on May 30th! We certainly broke a record for visits to the library on the anniversary. We had music provided by the Camden Rockport Middle School jazz band, the CHRHS Jazz Ensemble, and the Offbeats a cappella group from the high school. With the help of the Friends of the Rockport Library we were able to offer for sale 100th anniversary book bags, brought in cupcakes, a bounce house and balloon artists for a truly wonderful day of celebration. We estimated that right around 273 people came into the library on this day.

We gave away books and anniversary book bags, and one lucky individual won the Kindle Paperwhite drawing. Many thanks to all our volunteers and to fire chief, Jason Peasley, who visited and gave out hats and pencils.

It was also great that the weather was working with us, enabling visitors to sit and listen to the work of the musical artists, participating in the action on Memorial park, and people coming together to enjoy and celebrate the library's 100th birthday.

State Representative Joan Welsh presented the library with this proclamation: "The library began as a roomful of books in the basement of the Rockport Opera House in 1914 and has had only six directors in its 100-year history. It has grown and expanded under the leadership of those directors who, with dedicated staff, have nurtured and expanded its collection and programs. The library now houses more than 32,000 books and circulates more than 67,000 titles each year. It hosts many programs for adults and children and has an active Friends of the Library group. We extend our congratulations to the Rockport Public Library as it continues to be a treasured resource for Rockport residents and visitors; And be it ordered that this official expression of sentiment be sent forthwith on behalf of the 126th Legislature and the people of the State of Maine,". This proclamation is now hanging proudly at the library!

The Friends are doing their usual fantastic work as they prepare for the July book sale. The Friends prepare by sorting and moving and packing thousands of books, organize and search out tables and plan events like children's programs and bake sales. We have an Old Town Kayak on display at the library: tickets are only \$5.00, and the winner will be selected on the July 19th annual book sale event. Volunteers for the book sale can sign up at the library to help!

The Library Steering Committee is heading towards the end of their charge, and on June 16, the committee will make their recommendation to the Library Committee on best options for building a new library for Rockport. Many thanks for all the hours put in by this dedicated group of volunteers!

STATISTICS:

Circulation	May-14	May-13	% Change
Adults	3371	3590	-6.1
Young Adults	274	279	-1.8
Children	1492	1509	-1.1
Total	5137	5378	-4.5

TOTAL CIRCULATION ALSO INCLUDES 47 HONOR SYSTEM BOOKS (AND PUZZLES)

Attendance	May-14	May-13	% Change
Adults	2360	2133	10.6
Young Adults	109	93	17.2
Children	271	224	21.0
Total	2740	2450	11.8

Total attendance (people coming into the library) are tracked by hand, which means this is a conservative figure. The Library does not have an electronic door counter.

Interlibrary Loan	May-14	May-13	% Change
Incoming	575	536	7.3
Outgoing	632	600	5.3

ebooks	May-14	May-13	% Change
Audio	57	30	90.0
ebooks	122	122	0.0

COMPUTER	May-14	May-13	% Change
Computer Usage	385	336	14.6

*OF THE 385 UNITS OF COMPUTER USE, 42 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

Reference	May-14	May-13	% Change
Reference	456	310	47.1

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech Sessions
Adults	30	446	4
Young Adults	1	37	
Children	13	270 Children 52 Adult	
Total	44	805	

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

Activities, services, and programs:

805 people attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in May

- 100 Years Celebration!
- Author Tom Dowd presented his new book, Displacement Day
- Architect Meg Barclay celebrated 100 years of on Beech Nut Hut (top of Beech Hill), its history, and the history of that type of architecture.
- Individual lessons on eReaders and other technology
- 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-in May the French Group created a play for the anniversary, and had audience participation-great fun indeed! Merci!
- Weekly story time for babies and toddlers
- Weekly Wednesday after-school story time
- 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: \$ 932.00

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

Volunteers gave 78 hours or \$975.00 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. We also calculate an average donation of technical support of 20 hours this month at \$80.00 per hour, a savings of \$1600.00. We had to purchase a new printer and new computer hub to maximize the new fiber optics that was installed at the library.

Other News: Jane Babbitt has decided to retire after 11 years of library service. Jane's last day will be June 5th!

06/10/2014 Completed by Ann Filley, Library 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: **May 2014 (from May 2 thru May 29)**

1. **Worked on:** service the '04 F450; Freightliner has been working on the engine of the '10 Freightliner – there has been a manufacturer's problem. After much discussion and many phone calls to both Cummins and Freightliner, they believe the problem with the engine has been fixed. Picked up the truck in Bangor and have found that the problem seems to have been fixed this time. This work will be covered by Cummins – the engine manufacturer. All sanders put on rack, plows and wings off trucks
2. **Town Office:** put in screens, replaced and repaired some that were broken or lost
3. **Library:** crew painted the front sign
4. **Garage:** cleaned storage shed and made room to put plows in for summer after they are painted;
5. **Meetings:** Select Board, Dept. Head meetings, Steve & Mike met with Town Manager, met with Fairpoint and CMP about poles for the sewer project and underground power at the Harbor; attended a meeting for Pop the Cause & Pop for Change
6. Mike attended a 3 day Public Works Director's Workshop in Gorham
7. **Harbor:** replaced pins on ramp; repaired the head wall, which took several days; attended a meeting to discuss hiring a canine to sniff out leaks from the sewer system that may be polluting Kononen Park; had several trees cut – we cleaned up the debris; picked up piles of leaves and debris several times from rainy weather; repaired fisherman's side of Harbor – cap rail pulling away;
8. **Cemeteries:** repaired the broken gate at the Rockville Cemetery; made sure all cemeteries ready for Memorial Day
9. **RES East :** repaired broken railings and went back and did again- after they were broken again
10. **Parks & Rec Dept.:** made brackets for new dog pots around town; cleaned around bottoms of recently cut trees at Goose River Pump Station & cleaned up around area; made sure all parks and cemeteries were cleaned up and ready for Memorial Day; picked up wreaths from florist and took to Dave Barry, who puts them out before the parade
11. **ROH:** Randy took the benches from the Opera House and put them out in Mary Lea Park. Finished repairing front railing, Mike, Kevin, and Randy sanded down both railings and painted.
12. **Rt. 1 Sewer Extension Project:** preconstruction meeting held on Friday, May 9 at the Town Office. It was believed that construction would start in on Monday, May 12 after Maine Water finished the water line. It took longer for the water line to get put in due to blasting, so the start date became May 27. This did not happen as HUD said we needed to advertise the project using their terminology. Negotiations are in progress, as this could set us back almost a month and put us into fall before we finish. Much time was spent on the phone and in e-mails discussing this project during the month.
13. Shoulders work done on various roads, including: Main Street, Mt. Pleasant-had crew flagging
14. Signs made and repaired on many streets – some winter damage done
15. Street sweeping- put sweeper on loader and tried to do some sweeping – used the Trackless to finish the sweeping
16. Cold patched
17. Patched snow plow & painted when finished
18. Graded Mt. Pleasant and cleaned up brush
19. Flags out for Memorial Day
20. Investigated hole in Main Street and repaired
21. Entire crew went to mandatory safety training put on by Knox County for area public works departments. Trained on various subjects by MMA – Ann Schneider and Safety Works members. Day long training.
22. Picked up a large Elm tree and cleaned up the brush

Man hours available this month - 976; Approximate man hours on the above projects – 794.

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

Last year we worked on the loader, Oshkosh, '10 Freightliner, '04 Freightliner, & welder; Town Office - put screens in the Town Office; Garage - cleaned & picked up the garage, swept around buildings, cleaned the storage shed; Meetings – SB, sewer extension meetings, Wastewater Budget, ROH Committee, MDOT – David Allen – about speed limits; Harbor – put catwalk on floats, built a house for the chess pieces and placed in Kononen Park; RES East- placed loam, sand and reclaim, seeded & hayed, swept, picked up brush & debris, and had a CMP pole placed for power; Parks & Rec – cut and disposed of brush in Cramer Park, all parks and cemeteries mowed before Memorial Day – much rain; ROH – purchased materials for and built the new marquee; FEMA –representative checked forms for accuracy and sent them off to FEMA – now we await payment; Sue went to SDS/Global Harmonization training; crew attended Safety Training meeting put on by Knox EMA with MMA & Safety Works as trainers; repaired and rock racked winter shoulder damage; replaced a culvert on Rockville St., Beech Hill, & Mill St.; hauled 7 loads of reclaim to our stockpile; swept areas in the village & RES; fixed shoulders & washouts on various streets; did road patrol before predicted 2” of rain; put out flags and took in; picked up Memorial Day wreaths at the florist & delivered to David Barry; Cemeteries – cleaned up for Memorial Day of debris; hauled rip rap; worked on the sander rack. Man hours available were 1,060.5 and we accounted for, approximately, 938.

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

MAY, 2014

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	01	0
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	08	23
203/Dana Smith	47	56
204/Robbi Shaw	02	01
205/Jacob Grinnell	13	20
206/Cooper Plaisted	01	05
211/ C. Cooley	04	12

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	9,436	568.9	16.5

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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	1
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Administrative	9
Agency Assistance	18
Alarm	21
Alcohol Offense	1
Animal Bite/Attack	2
Animal Noise	1
Animal Problem	5
Animal Welfare	2
Assault	2
Bail Check	1
Car/Deer 10-55	2
Citizen Assist	1
Civil Problem	1
Criminal Mischief	1
Custodial Interference	1
Dead Body	1
Deliver Message	1
Detail Assignment	2
Disabled Vehicle	4
Disorderly Conduct	1
Domestic	1
Drug Take Back	1
Controlled Substance Problem	2
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	17
Escort	1
Fingerprinting	1
Fish & Game	1
Found Property	2
Harassment	3
Hit and Run 10-55	3
Information Report	13
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	2
Lost Property	1
Mental Health Issue	10
Missing Person	4
Burglary of a Motor Vehicle	1
Obstructing Gov't Admin	1
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	3
OUI Detail	2
Overdose	1
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	7
Parking Problem	5
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	8
Pedestrian Check	3
Violation of Protect Frm Abuse	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3
Probation/Bail Check	1
Property Check	49
Property Damage, Non Vandalism	1
Radar Detail	13
Runaway Juvenile	1
School Visit	4
Report of shots fired	1
Suspicious Vehicle	10
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	6
Theft	7
Threatening	2
Traffic Hazard	5
Traffic Violation	62
Traffic Stop	12
Trespassing	3
Unsecure Premise	2
Utility Problem	2
Vehicle Maintenance	12
Vehicle Search	2
Wanted Person	2
Well-Being Chck	59

Total Incidents for This Report:	434

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	2	1	2	4	1	3	2	15
01:00-01:59	1	1	0	2	4	3	3	14
02:00-02:59	3	1	2	2	2	1	2	13
03:00-03:59	4	2	5	0	0	1	3	15
04:00-04:59	1	2	1	4	4	5	2	19
05:00-05:59	2	0	0	2	1	1	0	6
06:00-06:59	2	2	0	0	1	2	0	7
07:00-07:59	3	2	1	3	3	0	1	13
08:00-08:59	2	0	3	4	3	4	1	17
09:00-09:59	2	3	3	0	3	2	2	15
10:00-10:59	1	4	1	2	1	2	0	11
11:00-11:59	2	3	2	2	0	3	1	13
12:00-12:59	0	3	1	4	3	0	5	16
13:00-13:59	2	4	2	4	2	2	2	18
14:00-14:59	1	7	6	6	3	3	2	28
15:00-15:59	1	3	4	8	8	4	4	32
16:00-16:59	2	3	3	7	4	4	1	24
17:00-17:59	0	1	2	4	4	3	3	17
18:00-18:59	0	4	8	3	4	6	3	28
19:00-19:59	2	1	4	8	7	4	1	27
20:00-20:59	1	6	2	2	2	4	6	23
21:00-21:59	4	3	5	7	2	4	1	26
22:00-22:59	4	0	1	8	5	4	2	24
23:00-23:59	1	0	1	0	6	1	4	13
Total by Day	43	56	59	86	73	66	51	434

Report Includes:

- All dates between `00:00:01 05/01/14` and `23:59:59 05/31/14`
- 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 May 2014

April showers bring May...showers? Not sure that is how it goes but that is how it has been. From a cold winter to a rainy spring but it's Maine and better days are coming- they are bound to.

- Put the piling project on the commercial side of the harbor out to bid and only received one bid from Prock Marine. We are working with Prock to make the project happen. In the meantime the new floats aren't doing any good sitting at Public Works so we are going to place hardware on them temporarily to set them in with the stiff arm and ramp fitting from the old floats. This will get them in the water until we can drive the pilings.
- The SHIP grant project is waiting approval from the State before going out to bid.
- Public Works crew and I worked on straightening the sea wall out in front of the fisherman's parking. It took some heavy equipment bolts and shims and a high tide to get it straight but we got it.
- Hired Casey Gordon as Deputy Harbormaster. Casey was the Park Attendant in the summer of 2009. He brings a wealth of boating knowledge a background with Outward Bound and is a Wilderness First Responder.
- Put all the tie-off's out and switched out several lines and a few pieces of worn out hardware.
- Took off the old waterline that runs to the docks and replaced it with 300' of new line. This required a lot of patience and the right tide. The old line deteriorated over time.
- The Harbor Committee voted on two new members with the resignation of Bob Tassi and Joel Powers. Both Joel and Bob have served for many years on the Harbor Committee and will be missed. The Selectboard has not formally accepted the new members so I will announce them in my next months report.
- Painted the channel marker balls and replaced the line, chain and hardware on them so they are ready to be placed.
- Re-issued 4 moorings and 7 Tie-off's. That is a record number of tie-off turn over's.

Rockport Fire Department May 2014

06/13/2014

May was an average month for calls with 15 total, however say a structure fire at our own LT Greg Rollins home on 05/15/2014. The home was a total loss based on the amount of damage to the front and roof of the home by fire. The members of the fire department immediately started raising money to help the Rollins family out during these difficult times, gathered clothes and food. This was one of the hardest fires any member of the Rockport Fire Department has ever fought.

May also brought its first large woods fire in several years up on South Street. An Un-permitted burn was taking place on a class IV day (no burning) and got away from the renters of the home. 4 trucks, 15 firefighters, and a member of forestry spent over three hours extinguishing the fire. At the end there was over 2.5 acres that had burnt.

8 Alarm calls, 1 odor investigation, 1 house fire, 1 woods fire and 3 car accidents included the month of May. One of the car accident calls was a mutual aid call to Hope for extrication of a single male driver who rolled over into a brook. After units arrived we were able to safely remove the driver without having to cut him out.

Training for the month was postponed due to the structure fire and will resume in June with pumps and drafting.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Peasley