TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
NOVEMBER 2012

General Government

Thomas Ford, 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
Molly Larson, Library Director – No Report Received

Public Safety

Stephen Beveridge, Public Works Director
Craig Cooley, EMA Director – Nothing to Report
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbor Master
Bruce Woodward, Fire Chief

Office of Planning and Community Development
Monthly Report – November 2012

Permits

Miscellaneous Permits: Thirteen permits were issued in November 2012. The figure included seven building permits (accessory structure, garage, shed, renovations etc.), two sign permits, two demolition permits, one entrance permit and one moving structure permit. Thirty-two permits were issued in November 2011.

Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits: Three internal plumbing permits and one subsurface wastewater permit were issued in November 2012. Seven internal plumbing permits and one subsurface wastewater permit was issued in November 2011.

Boards & Committees

Planning Board: The Planning Board met in November 2012 to review the application of Village at Rockport for final subdivision review to add thirteen new dwelling units to the existing development. The Planning Board met in November 2011 for *"consultation and agreement"* regarding the disposition of tax acquired properties.

Zoning Board of Appeals: The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in November 2012 or November 2011.

Ordinance Review Committee: The Planning Office updated the list of suggested ordinance changes that had been forwarded to the Town Planner over the past nine months. A memo outlining the ORC process and procedure was sent to all board and committees. Input from that request was indexed by the Planning Office and distributed to all parties in late September. The draft work plan was then presented to the Select Board on October 9th. It is anticipated that the Ordinance Review Committee will begin work in December.

Projects

Water Quality: Rockport is again participating with the Maine Healthy Beaches program to test the water quality at Goodie's Beach. Water quality testing of Goodie's Beach and the direct drainage outfall pipe is conducted on a weekly basis. When a sample tests high, Maine Healthy Beaches retests the next day. Since the start of testing on May 29th there have been 18 test samples of which 9 have come back with elevated levels of the indicator bacteria. In most instances there has been a direct correlation between elevated bacteria levels and substantial rain events possibly indicating the bacterial spikes are the result of non-point source pollution washing into the drainage systems that empty into the harbor near Goodie's Beach. The Healthy Beaches Program was completed for the season in early September. Recommendations are now being developed in concert with the Conservation Commission and Public Works to extend drainage pipe located in the bulkhead adjacent to Goodie's Beach further into the Harbor.

Shore and Harbor Grant: Planner Tom Ford has solicited input from the Select Board, Harbor Committee, Harbor Master and Conservation Commission on this project. Design work is underway to pull this information together into a unified plan. With input from the Harbor Master and Assistant Public Works Director the Town Planner has been working with an engineer and landscape architect to complete this project.

SHIP Grant Harbor Lighting Project: The Planning Office, with input and support from Public Works staff Steve Beveridge and Mike Young and Harbor Master has been preparing an application to MDOT to pursue a SHIP Grant to improve the lighting and security at Rockport Harbor. The application was forwarded to MDOT in August and was being reviewed by MDOT in November. A final MDOT determination should be made by January 2013.

BIG Grant – Tier I: The Planning Office has also 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 grant application was filed with MDOT who will forward the application on to the U.S Fish and Wildlife Service. A final determination should be made by April 2013.

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 application was filed with MDOT in September and a decision will be made in April 2013. If this project is approved, design, planning and construction will extend from June 2013 to September 2016.

Opera House HVAC Grant: The Planning Office successfully applied for and received a grant from Efficiency Maine to complete a detailed analysis with recommendations on the heating, ventilating and air conditioning systems at the Opera House. The final report was completed in early November.

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
NOVEMBER 2012

- **We issued 7 (6) Hunting Licenses, 0 (1) Junior Hunting License, 0 (0) Fishing License, 0 (0) Migratory Waterfowl, 0 (0) Complimentary Migratory Waterfowl, 5 (6) Muzzleload Licenses, 0 (0) Expanded Archery Antlered, 0 (0) Complimentary Muzzleload Licenses, 0 (0) Over 70 License, and 0 (0) Duplicate Fish/Hunt Licenses, 0 (0) Duplicate Spring Turkey and 0 (0) Duplicate Junior Hunt License. Fees collected totaled $240.00 ($235.00).**

- **0 (1) Boat Registrations, 6 (15) Snowmobiles and 2 (0) ATV Registrations were issued. Fees collected were $306.00 ($909.89) which included $0 ($289.89) sales tax.**

- **We issued 39 (30) dog licenses this month at a fee of $145.00 ($160.00). Don't forget that the 2013 dog licenses are now available. This makes a great Christmas present for your four-legged pet. The late fee after January 31st will be $25.00 per dog.**

- **Processed 12 (13) transfers, 244 (150) passenger cars, 31 (12) commercial vehicles, 11 (3) trailer, 40(2) motorcycle, 0 (0) motor home, 1 (1) antique, 2 (2) duplicate stickers and 0 (2) duplicate registrations. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled $55,745.27 ($47,265.31). This is up 17.94% from last year's numbers.**

- **We processed $281,864.36 ($239,412.60) in real estate taxes this month. The due date was October 15th.**

- **We collected $306.00 ($317.88) in Harbor Fees this month.**

- **November Election 1430 (1256) residents voted 748 (243) absentee ballots) (Total of 2178). We had 111 (21) new voters register and then vote. This means that 84.6% of our registered voters voted this year compared to 49.1% last year.**

- **I attended and took minutes for one Select Board Meeting this month.**

- **This month was busy with absentee voting, processing the absentee ballots and the presidential election. I was able to enjoy a couple of days of vacation. We was able to accomplish cleaning up the vault and rearranging the contents.**

***The first number represents 2012 and the second one in parenthesis 2011.**

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - November 2012

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 November 2012 includes the following:

- Investments were down this month by 0.04%; Wastewater investments at The First earned 0.85%.
- Interest earned on general funds was at the rate of 0.40% (last month 0.40%)-no change.
- 50.7% of taxes have been paid for FY 12-13; $6.1 million oustanding.

	Previous Month October 2012	Current Month November 2012	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago November 2011	Difference	% Change
Budget							
Wages	108,745	141,290	32,545	29.93%	105,978	35,312	33.32%
Other Expenses	1,854,485	951,026	(903,459)	-48.72%	1,072,141	(121,115)	-11.30%
Total Expenses	1,963,230	1,092,316	(870,914)	-44.36%	1,178,119	(85,803)	-7.28%
Total Revenue	4,873,927	410,584	(4,463,343)	-91.58%	436,726	(26,142)	-5.99%
NET	2,910,697	(681,732)	(3,592,429)	-123.42%	(741,393)	59,661	8.05%
Cash on Hand Balance							
General Fund	3,822,454	3,142,067	(680,387)	-17.80%	2,822,900	319,167	11.31%
Taxes Paid (for the month)	4,734,292	271,526	(4,462,766)	-94.26%	203,125	68,401	33.67%
Taxes Paid (to date)	4,882,205	6,234,861	1,352,656	27.71%	6,144,787	90,074	1.47%
Investments							
Public Assistance	336,857	336,736	(122)	-0.04%	314,029	22,707	7.23%
Cemeteries	425,713	425,560	(154)	-0.04%	396,863	28,697	7.23%
Wastewater			-		264,758	(264,758)	-100.00%
Total Investments	762,571	762,295	(275)	-0.04%	975,650	(213,355)	-21.87%
Wastewater Investment transferred to The First.							
Wastewater							
Expenses	221,071	89,276	(131,794)	-59.62%	55,539	33,737	60.75%
Revenue	69,538	94,958	25,421	36.56%	77,022	17,936	23.29%
NET	(151,533)	5,682	157,215	-103.75%	21,483	15,801	-73.55%
**Bonds Paid in October*							
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance							
WW General Fund	116,242	122,004	5,762	4.96%	244,127	(122,123)	-50.02%
The First-Investment	276,518	276,724					
Certificate of Deposit	101,972	102,030	59	0.06%	101,272	758	0.75%
Total Cash	494,731	500,758	6,027	1.22%	345,399	122,123	44.98%

WW Accounts Receivable

30 Day	60 Day	90 Day	Over 120 Days	Advance Payments
27,394	23,107	1,257	21,201	(9,490)

TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable November 2012	63,469	-21.89%
Accounts Receivable November 2011	81,253	

November 2012
Department Head Report
Kerry Leichtman
Assessor

Tax Bill Fallout: Election Day provides for the final wave of tax bill reaction. It is a day when many people come to the Town Office to vote and, while here, take care of other business. Most of the walk-ins are handled by simple conversation. The rest require either research, a home visit or both. In all cases I try and make it an opportunity to ensure the data we have on record is accurate.

Abatements: A few of the inspections I conducted resulted in the issuing of abatements for over-valuation or data errors (I just corrected a doozy of a data error, but since it happened in December the reporting of it will have to wait until next month's report.)

Exemptions: Since becoming assessor I have been reviewing, as time has allowed, all exemptions and current use files. As a result of this review, last March I asked the Center for Furniture Craftsmanship to reapply for their exemption as a benevolent and charitable institution. Statute authorizes me to request reapplications at any time. I reviewed the application, conducted quite a bit of research, and then denied the exemption. The Center received two tax bills this year: real estate and personal property. They paid the bills and filed for abatement based on their contention that they should be receiving an exemption as a benevolent and charitable organization. I considered the points made, again conducted appropriate research, and denied the abatement. The Center's director reacted by bringing me additional materials and asked me to reconsider my decision. I accepted the materials and, after giving them consideration, reissued my denial of the abatement. I anticipate the Center will appeal this decision to the Board of Assessment Review. I have consulted numerous times with the Town Attorney, who agrees with my perspective on the issue, and who has offered good counsel.

Due Diligence: While reviewing record cards I uncovered a property for which we have not been assessing the building. The owners took out all necessary permits in 2005 and commenced construction. It's possible that the permit paperwork didn't make its way to the assessor's office, or the assessor misplaced or misfiled it. The property owners have only been receiving a bill for the land.

It is important for readers of this to understand statute does not require that municipalities send out tax bills. Quoting from Maine Revenue Services law course text book, *Maine Property Tax Law*: "Our constitutional form of government places an emphasis on the balance between rights and responsibilities. Property ownership is a basic right, and that right is balanced against certain responsibilities, not the least of which is to know what the taxes are and when they are due."

So the fact that the property's owners did not receive a bill for their home does not excuse them from taxation. I am permitted by law to issue supplemental tax bills three years from the date of commitment. Since the tax billing was resolved in December I will report on that activity in next month's report.

Meetings: I hosted the Mid-Coast Assessors meeting in November. The topic was Boards of Assessment Review. I attended the annual meeting of the Maine Chapter IAAO and was elected to serve as its vice president.

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Sue Dates, Rental Agent
RE: **Opera House Department Head Report**
DATE: **November 2012**

During the month of November the Garden Club held their monthly meeting and did their setup in the auditorium for their annual Holly Berry Fair. This is their major fundraiser and they have grown so large that they felt the auditorium would best suit their needs. They filled the room with something for just about everyone. We hosted a wedding rehearsal dinner for a bride and groom.

Revenue for November was $757.50 plus Bay Chamber has paid $3250.00 for 6 months= $4,007.50. The Opera House was used on 14 of the 30 days for at least 1 event.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board and the Planning Board. The Zoning Board was canceled. The Library held many events this month – the last 2 lectures of the Seafaring series, cosponsored the annual Tom & Mac Show (large event) with the Camden Library, 2 art classes, and 2 other lectures. They had a very busy month and would have done more if we had been able to accommodate their schedule.

Maintenance this month included trying to keep events in the correct place at the correct time and trying to keep the opera house cleaned up for each of the events. We had 3 large events that required some creative shuffling of tables. The auditorium was thoroughly cleaned after 2 of the events. General cleaning was done each week.

Last year maintenance included: general cleanup; putting up tables in the auditorium for an auction and setting the auditorium up, again, with chairs for a concert; & borrowed the CSD lift to replace 3 light bulbs on the bar. The building was used on 10 of the 30 days and the revenue was $813.75.

TO: Robert Peabody, Jr., Rockport Town Manager & Board of Selectmen
FROM: Steve Beveridge, Director **Public Works** Department
RE: **Department Head Report**
DATE: **November 2012 (from November 2 thru November 29)**

1. Worked on: Oshkosh – replaced broken hose, brake shoes, springs- ordered; some sanders worked on; '04 #2 F550; some tires studded; some cutting edges on wings and plows changed after plowing; worked on the Chipper 2 x; '01 Freightliner (readied to sand/plow);
2. Sanders have been put in all vehicles and taken out of some – due to weather and changes. They are now in all vehicles and plows are in place in the garage – ready to be put on. Wings put on some vehicles and plows that were put on came off. We sanded and/or plowed on Nov. 7, Nov. 8, & Nov. 28. During months like this it is normal, but time consuming, to put on and take off wings and plows from vehicles we often use. This is necessary to be ready for predicted storms.
3. Town Office: put voting booths up and took down, placed voting signs out, moved personal voter signs away for the illegal are around the Town Office, as Linda requested per the law.
4. Library: picked up some chairs at the Town Office and took to Library for an event – too back to Town Office
5. Garage: cleaned the garage; cleaned the storage shed and got it ready for winter – got rid of about 15 empty barrels, 15 old tires, old scrap iron, & old unusable lumber – this allowed for space for winter storage of equipment and other items. Picked up waste oil for our furnace
6. Meetings: Dept. Head; Mike went to a Snow/Ice Workshop and a Labor & Employee Law Workshop; met with Mike Sabatini about Leucadia plans; everyone attended a Chain Saw Safety meeting held at our garage
7. Mike & Steve met with Eastward Association and the State in regards to the Moors septic tank problems
8. Harbor: channel marker worked on; hauled the Harbor Master boat; hauled some of the floats and went back before Thanksgiving to haul the remainder; checked the harbor during a storm during Harbor Master's vacation
9. ROH: turned off lights and locked doors left open/on by mistake by someone
10. RES East: answered an alarm at the school and discussed new phone system
11. Christmas by the Sea weekend prep included: putting the 4 wreaths purchased by the Garden Club on the bridge; cutting the trees for the Village Green and Goodridge Park donated by Roger Jones – putting them up and decorating with lights (thank you to Sally Cook for using her power to light the trees); putting lights on the small live trees donated by the Garden Club at the Town Office and making sure they were lit; arranged to have a bucket truck at the Harbor to help light the tree and star on top and Mike spent time helping Abbie decorate the Harbor for the event, including lots of work on the tree. After a lot of "sleuthing" we found that the buoys were taken away to be repainted, but due to time this did not get done. They should be back next year.
12. Got the bid ready for the new 2013 F550, put the truck out to bid, and opened the bids on November 30
13. Cleaned fallen leaves from our catch basins to get ready for rain and winter
14. Traffic Counters – the State brought down the traffic counters and placed them around our roads – we picked them up before the predicted storm, as requested by the State. They picked up the counters from our garage. We will get the results sometime this winter after they are completed
15. Flags put out for Veteran's Day and taken in after they dried
16. Culvert on Spruce St. replaced
17. Culvert on School St. replaced in conjunction with private work being done by homeowner

18. Let Fairpoint, GWI, and Verizon into various buildings (Public Works, RES East, Opera House, and Harbor Master building) at various times to get ready for new phone system setup.
19. Cut brush and small trees along the road on Camden Street and hauled the chips to MCSWC. Seeded the area where necessary. This will allow for plowing of road to be easier
20. Placed cones in a hole on Camden St.-went back later with cold patch
21. Made and placed signs on Chapel Rd. , Cricket Lane, and others – along with stop signs and speed limit signs that had been stolen
22. Cold patched
23. Hauled reclaimed asphalt from Glen Cove Project
24. Flagged culverts and put out stakes to mark areas around town for winter snow

Man hours available this month – 836 regular hours plus 74.5 overtime hours = 910.5 total hours; Approximate man hours on the above projects – 788.
This does not include all the small extra projects that we did during November (there were a lot of small projects to do that we didn't keep track of), errands, and twice a week trash removal.

Last year we worked on: "08 F350, Oshkosh, '99 F550, Backhoe, '10 Freightliner, '01 Freightliner, Vac-All, & plow; took the '99 to Whited for a perspective buyer; started the PW Sewer/Water Extension project – preconstruction meeting with all concerned parties, blasting was done, helped load Farley's trucks; Russell Ave. Sidewalk was finished; Town Office – voting booths up and down & planted 2 Alberta Spruce in tubs & put lights on them; extensively cleaned the garage & worked on the Men's toilet; meetings – PW sewer/water extension preconstruction meeting; ROH committee meeting; Woodard & Curran meeting; Harbor – pulled all the floats in 2 days; Cemeteries – closed Nov. 1 and shut off water; RES East – stored luminaries were placed around Town for Christmas by the Sea; Parks/Rec – closed all parks, Garden Club had a 2nd cleaning of Mary Lea Park, got ready for Christmas- trees cut, lights on them; wreaths put up on the bridge; closed Beauchamp Point; ROH – had the 5 year flush of the sprinkler system done; checked all catch basins for leaves for fall/winter storms; cleaned culverts on Beauchamp Point Rd.; flushed and cleaned a culvert at Simonton's Corner with Bruce's help; put some sanders in trucks & changed some cutting edges (storm); cold patched; cut brush & hauled from Whitetail Drive, ROH, Ship St.; graded Mt. Pleasant; cleaned up a downed tree on South St.; put out flags and brought in due to President's Day; transported the RES West lift to the CSD and back; hauled used asphalt to Marriner's; hauled pea stone; snow storm on the 23rd – sanded and plowed; spot sanded on the 25th; and repaired a shoulder on Park St. Man hours available were 1,007.75 regular hours and 174 OT/PT = 1,178.75 and we could account for 983 on the above projects.

ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

November, 2012

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	06	05
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	12	03
203/Wes Butler	07	05
204/Dana Smith	31	24
205/Robbi Shaw	19	21
211/ C. Cooley	15	10

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VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	8,141	481.8	16.8

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	3
Administrative	4
Agency Assistance	24
Alarm	23
Alcohol Offense	2
Animal Bite/Attack	1
Animal Noise	2
Animal Problem	2
Assault	1
Non-sufficient Funds Check	1
Bail Check	1
Burglary	1
Car/Deer 10-55	5
Citizen Assist	10
Civil Problem	3
Criminal Mischief	2
Deliver Message	2
Disorderly Conduct	7
Domestic	4
Controlled Substance Problem	6
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	9
Escort	5
Fire Alarm	5
Fireworks	1
Fish & Game	1
Found Property	3
Fraud	1
Gas Drive Off	2
Harassment	5
Information Report	10
Intoxicated Person	1
Juvenile Problem	3
Lost Property	1
Mental Health Issue	5
Miscellaneous CAD Call Record	1
Missing Person	3
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	10
Paperwork Servd For This Agenc	1
Parking Problem	1
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	6
Violation of Protect Frm Abuse	2
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	2
Property Check	32
Public Works Referral	2
Radar Detail	14
Runaway Juvenile	5
Sex Offense	1
Sex Offender Registration	1
Report of shots fired	2
Stray Animal	1
Suspicious Vehicle	12
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	4
Theft	6
Traffic Hazard	2
Traffic Violation	63

Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
Traffic Stop	9
Trespassing	5
Unsecure Premise	8
Vehicle off roadway no damage	1
Vehicle Maintenance	8
Vehicle Search	2
Wanted Person	1
Well-Being Chck	50

Total Incidents for This Report: 411

Report includes:
All dates between `00:00:01 11/01/12` and `23:59:59 11/30/12`
All agencies matching `0704`
All natures
All locations
All responsible officers
All dispositions
All clearance codes
All observed offenses
All reported offenses
All offense codes
All circumstance codes

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	3	3	3	1	2	4	4	20
01:00-01:59	1	2	2	1	1	3	5	15
02:00-02:59	7	4	2	2	3	2	3	23
03:00-03:59	1	4	3	4	3	1	3	19
04:00-04:59	0	2	1	1	1	2	0	7
05:00-05:59	0	0	3	1	4	1	1	10
06:00-06:59	0	1	0	1	0	2	1	5
07:00-07:59	0	4	0	4	1	1	1	11
08:00-08:59	1	1	3	3	6	3	2	19
09:00-09:59	0	0	0	3	4	2	6	15
10:00-10:59	0	5	1	5	2	2	4	19
11:00-11:59	4	2	0	3	1	2	7	19
12:00-12:59	3	3	1	1	7	5	3	23
13:00-13:59	2	2	2	2	0	5	4	17
14:00-14:59	4	6	2	7	3	4	2	28
15:00-15:59	3	5	3	1	8	4	1	25
16:00-16:59	6	2	1	3	2	2	2	18
17:00-17:59	6	3	3	5	2	7	1	27
18:00-18:59	1	3	1	3	4	1	0	13
19:00-19:59	5	2	1	1	0	3	2	14
20:00-20:59	1	3	3	0	4	4	1	16
21:00-21:59	2	1	6	2	3	5	4	23
22:00-22:59	3	1	0	1	2	1	1	9
23:00-23:59	1	1	5	2	3	1	3	16
Total by Day	54	60	46	57	66	67	61	411

Report Includes:
All dates between `00:00:01 11/01/12` and `23:59:59 11/30/12`
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
November 2012

Typically November is a time for buttoning everything up for a long winter but with more mild weather than normal it seems that harbor activities were going strong through November.

- **With the help of Public Works and the crane from Rockport Steel we hauled all of the remaining commercial floats the Tuesday before Thanksgiving- we could not have asked for a nicer day- mild and flat. Andre was pulled out on the Monday after Thanksgiving and taken to Yachting Solutions for winterizing and annual maintenance. The hours on the engine surpassed the 1000 hour mark this year. That is about equivalent to 100,000 miles on a car so the need for routine maintenance has become critical, especially since it get more than recreational use.**
- **I will look at leaving the commercial docks in the water until December 15 (weather permitting) next year as there are still 7 lobster boats in the water and apparently have been catching lobsters later into the season. When they do not have any floats to operate from they have to rely on tides and slippery ladders to haul their gear which is both inconvenient and unsafe.**
- **When hauling the floats on the north side of the harbor next to the Fishermen's float earlier this fall it became clear that they are in need of serious repair before being put back in. I will research the cost of repairing the floats and the ramp and compare to the cost of replacement of the floats and present them in my 2013-2014 budget request. Last year I did some significant repairs to the floats and am hesitant to replace the floats in the set up they are in as we will be in the same position in a few short years. The proper set up is to have the floats ride on pilings rather than be attached by a steel arm and cables along the inside of the float which not only puts wear and tear on the floats but limits the number of dinghies that can be tied along the inside of the float. I will price out the cost for driving pilings and getting these floats set up for a 20 year life span.**
- **Have begun to work through the Online Mooring program data base to make sure everything is up to date for the billing to go out in early January.**
- **Have reached out to several contractors for quotes for the replacement of the ramp finger floats.**

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

BRUCE WOODWARD, FIRE CHIEF

On November 6 and 7, we performed the annual service tests on our four pumpers (Engines 21, 22, 23 & 24). Three engines completed the test without any problems. One engine had an overheat problem. We suspect the problem was due to some undiluted antifreeze that temporarily clogged a hose. No further overheating problems have occurred. The series of tests at different flows and pressures, measures the ability of the pumper to pump the amount of water at draft that it is rated to deliver when it was new. Comparison of the annual tests can show if the pump is worn or the engine is not performing its job.

On November 21, we responded to 1032 Commercial Street with a report of a car going into the basement of a house. The front portion of the car penetrated the basement wall, narrowly missing an oil tank. The engine compartment portion of the car was into the building. There was some motor oil that leaked from the engine, but there were no injuries. Firefighters worked with the tow truck operator to remove the car and prevent further damage.

On November 26th I did the annual hanging of the wreaths on town buildings and post offices. These wreaths were donated by the Rockport Garden Club. On November 29th, I hung the wreaths on the library.

Report Period: 11/01/12-11/30/12
Comparables: 11/01/11-11/30/11

Calls by Incident Type	Percent of Total Calls 2011	Percent of Total Calls 2012	Total Incidents 2011	Total Incidents 2012
Structure Fires	4.69%	1.41%	6	2
Vehicle Fires	0.00%	1.41%	0	2
Other Fires	3.91%	3.52%	5	5
Overpressure Ruptures, Explosion, Overheat	1.56%	1.41%	2	2
Emergency Medical Treatment	0.78%	0.00%	1	0
All Others	0.00%	0.70%	0	1
Hazardous Condition Calls	22.66%	30.99%	29	44
Service Calls	4.69%	6.34%	6	9
Good Intent Calls	24.22%	21.83%	31	31
Severe Weather or Natural Disaster Calls	0.78%	0.00%	1	0
Special Incident Calls	0.78%	0.00%	1	0
Unknown Incident Type	0.00%	0.00%	0	0
Malicious Calls	0.78%	0.00%	1	0
Other False Calls	35.16%	32.39%	45	46
Total Calls	100%	100%	128	142
Total Fire Dollar Loss	$800.00	$1,800.00	0	0
Total Dollar Loss	$1,300.00	$1,800.00	0	0