

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

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**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)

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## **Permit Activity**

**Miscellaneous Permits.** Sixteen (16) permits were issued in November 2014. This includes seven (7) building permits for accessory structures and renovations, five (5) sign permits, two (2) use permits and two (2) entrance/911 permits. This figure is on par with the sixteen (16) permits issued in November 2013.

**Plumbing and Subsurface Wastewater Permits.** Three (3) internal plumbing permits and one (1) sub-surface wastewater permits were issued in November 2014. This reflects considerably less activity than the thirteen (13) plumbing permits issued in November 2013. This year's early winter storms may have been a contributing factor.

**Notable Subdivisions and Site Plans.** The owner / developers of The Village at Rockport, represented by John Richardson, their contractor and representatives of the Homeowners Association met at the Town Office with staff facilitation to discuss possible completion of road improvements and site work before winter. This project has been notable for disagreements between the parties over the quality of the work and revisions to the plans; the same group of owner / developers has sold the neighboring approved subdivision The Ridge at Rockport to Larry Campbell, who intends to begin development before winter if he can; and the proprietors of Aurora Sails and Canvas at 121 Park Street and their contractor are working on compliance with standards for stormwater management improvements.

## **Boards & Committees**

**Conservation Committee.** No assignments for Planning and Community Development in November.

**Ordinance Review Committee.** Regular meetings will begin in January.

**Pathways Committee.** No assignments for Planning and Community Development in November.

**Planning Board.** The Planning Board met on November 12 and approved an application by Jason Spear for a Final Subdivision Plan for the Maple Grove Subdivision on Simonton Road and an application for Final Site Plan approval by Joshua Carle for Rockport Granite (landscaping materials storage area and parking area).

**Zoning Board of Appeals.** The Zoning Board of Appeals did not meet in November 2014.

## **High Priority Projects**

**Lighting and dock power.** The Town of Rockport received a Boating Improvement Grant (BIG) for lighting and dock power at the Harbor in the amount of \$99,975. These funds are administered by MDOT and only covers that portion of the improvements that is attributable to transient boaters (hard to quantify). An additional \$43,000 in matching funds has been committed by the Town for an project budget of \$142,975. Total project cost is now \$158,732 not counting Town labor and equipment. This leaves a funding shortfall of \$15,757. As of the end of November, there has been no reimbursement from MDOT. It is clearly one of the highest priorities of this Department to negotiate the best possible terms for reimbursement ASAP. In any event additional Town funds will be needed.

**New pilings and floats.** The Town has been awarded a Small Harbor Improvement Program (SHIP) grant in the amount of \$26,700 to procure and drive ten (10) new piles and to construct and install five (5) new floats at an estimated total cost of \$55,000. This program is also administered by MDOT. In November, the Harbor Master provided a materials list and independent cost estimates and Public Works collaborated on drafting the proposed specifications. Planning and Community Development staff prepared and submitted a draft bid package for MDOT approval and will put the project out to bid in December. The floats will be constructed in-house by Public Works as part of the Town's required matching funds.

**Bond funded projects approved by the voters.** As determined by referendum in November, staff has begun scoping and preparation of an RFQ to procure the services of an engineering firm to aid in design, bid solicitation and construction of the following projects. These projects and their budgets include: Mill Street Bridge engineering and replacement budgeted at \$600,000; Public Works Garage roof replacement at \$120,000; Pascal Avenue "high" sidewalk engineering and reconstruction at \$200,000; School Street engineering and reconstruction at \$177,200;

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Mount Pleasant Street engineering and repairs at \$125,000; Summer Street engineering and reconstruction at \$90,550; and West Rockport Fire Station expansion and renovation at \$85,000.

**Sewer extension projects.** The Fresh Off the Farm project has been completed except for the Pump Station and will serve 2,000 LF along Route 1 from Elwood Avenue to Sea Light Lane. The Town commitment was \$619,420 and CDBG funding assistance has been received in the amount of \$270,000 for a total project budget of \$889,420; staff proposes that the "90 North" project be undertaken next, running North about 1,000 LF along Route 1 from Route 90 to Tropical Nails. The Select Board will be asked to consider surplus funds and/or budgeting for this project.

**Library projects.** In November the voters determined by referendum that the space and renovation needs of the Library will not be met by redevelopment of the former Rockport Elementary School site. Staff has begun scoping and preparation of an RFQ to procure engineering services for a comprehensive building evaluation of the existing building. A separate study of the actual space needs of the Town's Library is being conducted by Stephen J. Podgajny (Director of the Portland Public Library) under the supervision of the Friends of the Rockport Public Library.

## **Other Projects**

**Wayfinding signs.** Planning and Community Development will solicit formal quotes for graphic design work using \$10,000 set aside at Line E 0209-7220 for "special signage."

**Sidewalk grant.** Camden and Rockport joined forces to submit a grant application to MDOT to extend the Route 1 sidewalk from Quarry Hill in Camden to L.E. Leonard's in Rockport. Apparently the grant was awarded and is being administered by the Town of Camden. However actual funding may not be available until FY 2017?

**Rural Active Living Assessment.** This project was funded by a \$1,500 grant from the Knox County Health Coalition and matched by a significant contribution of work hours by Planning and Community Development to create an inventory of street and sidewalk conditions. The RALA data may be useful as support documentation for grant applications and/or future Town expenditures to enhance walkability at priority locations.

**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 Canopy Project has been completed with the planting of 13 trees in Memorial Park and Marine Harbor Park.

**Revised Floodplain Maps.** The Town has received the revised preliminary floodplain maps which reflect the new floodplain data for properties along the coast. Our review of the new mapping as of mid-2014 did not show any changes in delineation of floods zones that would affect structures.

## **Policy Work**

**Ordinance Review Committee.** A Select Board workshop was convened on December 9. Several important Land Use Ordinance provisions and administrative procedures were suggested by members of the Select Board for ORC review in the coming months. The ORC will have its first meeting of this already shortened season in January. Planning and Community Development staff will assist in the prioritization and drafting of possible amendments.

**Tax Increment Finance.** A review and suggestions for revisions to the Town's two TIF districts has been requested. In December staff will review the Route 1 TIF District to plan ahead for funding for future phases of sewer extension.

## **Staff news**

**New planner hired.** A new Director of Planning and Community Development was hired and started work on Friday, November 14. James P. Francomano formerly served as the Assistant Planner for a total of 6 years at Presque Isle and Belfast City Halls and is coming to us from 18 months in a Senior Planner position at the State of Maine. Please stop by to meet "Jamie" and share with him your history lessons on land use decision making in Rockport.

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- **We issued 2 (10) Hunting Licenses, 2 (0) Junior Hunting License, 0 (0) Fishing License, 0 (1) Migratory Waterfowl, 1 (0) Serviceman's Hunting/Fishing License, 0 (5) Muzzleload Licenses, 0 (1) Complimentary Muzzleload Licenses, and 0 (1) Over 70 License. Fees collected totaled \$67.00 (\$278.25).**

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- **1 (0) Boat Registrations, 4 (2) Snowmobiles and 1 (1) ATV Registrations were issued. Fees collected were \$1,327.00 (\$113.00) which included \$1,133.00 (\$0) sales tax.**
- **We issued 33 (24) dog licenses this month at a fee of \$113.00 (\$86.00). Don't forget that the 2015 dog licenses are now available. This makes a great Christmas present for your four-legged pet. The late fee after January 31<sup>st</sup> will be \$25.00 per dog.**
- **Processed 11 (14) transfers, 150 (226) passenger cars, 9 (24) commercial vehicles, 1 (6) trailer, 0 (0) motorcycles, 1 (1) motor home, 1 (3) antique, 1 (2) farm trucks, 1 (0) special equipment, 2 (4) duplicate stickers and 0 (2) duplicate registrations. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$55494.37 (\$51,760.59). This is up 7.21% from last year's numbers.**
- **We processed \$226,686.99 (\$220,572.23) in real estate taxes this month. The due date was October 15<sup>th</sup>.**
- **We collected \$1,976.50 (\$1,612.50) in Harbor Fees (excise tax, commercial float, donation & winter boat storage) this month.**
- **November Election 1397 (549) residents voted 505 (52) absentee ballots, total of 1,902 (601). We had 85 (14) new voters register and then vote. This means that 72.34% of our registered voters voted this year compared to 22.90% last year. This year proved to be a bit of a challenge because of the snowstorm and the lack of power on Monday, the day before election.**
- **I attended and took minutes for one Select Board Meeting this month.**
- **Brenda and Shay enjoyed a few vacation days.**

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

**Virginia B. Lindsey**  
**Rockport Finance Director**  
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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 2014 includes the following:

- Interest earned on all deposit accounts was 0.85%.
- 51.16% of taxes have been paid for FY 14-15; \$6,491,272 remains outstanding in taxes receivable.

	Previous Month October 2014	Current Month November 2014	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago November 2013	Difference	% Change		
<b>Budget-Current Month Expenses</b>									
Payroll	101,581	80,502	(21,079)	-20.75%	114,648	(34,146)	-29.78%		
* General Fund Checking	2,114,585	994,649	(1,119,936)	-52.96%	844,156	150,493	17.83%		
Total Expenses	2,216,165	1,075,151	(1,141,014)	-51.49%	958,804	116,347	12.13%		
<i>* Corrected from previous report.</i>									
<b>Budget-Current Month Revenues/Transfers</b>									
	4,936,767	309,014	(4,627,753)	-93.74%	387,534	(78,520)	-20.26%		
NET	2,720,601	(766,137)	(3,486,739)	-128.16%	(571,270)	(116,347)	-34.11%		
<b>Cash on Hand Balance</b>									
All GF Cash Accounts	4,353,885	3,861,055	(492,831)	-11.32%	3,271,028	590,027	18.04%		
Taxes Paid (for the month)	4,721,573	189,184	(4,532,388)	-95.99%	219,812	(30,628)	-13.93%		
Total Taxes Paid-end of Month	6,610,608	6,799,792	189,184	2.86%	6,558,143	241,649	3.68%		
<b>Investments-Bar Harbor Trust Services</b>									
Public Assistance	280,752	290,283	9,532	3.40%	257,660	32,623	12.66%		
Cemeteries	354,781	366,826	12,045	3.40%	325,600	41,226	12.66%		
Total Investments	635,532	657,109	21,577	3.40%	583,260	73,849	12.66%		
<b>Investments-The First (Opened 11/27/13)</b>									
Public Assistance	128,755	128,845	90	0.07%	127,744	1,101	0.86%		
Cemeteries	162,747	162,861	114	0.07%	161,466	1,395	0.86%		
Total Investments	291,502	291,705	204	0.07%	289,210	2,495	0.86%		
<b>Combined Totals Investments</b>	927,034	948,814	21,780	2.35%	583,260	365,554	62.67%		
<b>Wastewater</b>									
** Expenses	300,247	79,669	(220,578)	-73.47%	82,144	(2,475)	-3.01%		
* Revenue	300,068	92,824	(207,244)	-69.07%	84,022	8,802	10.48%		
NET	(179)	13,154	13,334	-7429.40%	1,878	11,276	600.43%		
<i>**Expenses include Sewer Expansion Project.</i>									
<b>Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance</b>									
* WW General Fund	264,031	276,973	189,186	4.90%	227,004	49,969	22.01%		
The First-Investment	384,980	385,249	380,844	0.07%	381,936	3,313	0.87%		
Total Cash	649,011	662,222	13,211	2.04%	608,940	53,282	8.75%		
<b>WW Accounts Receivable</b>									
30 Day	30,716	60 Day	30,753	90 Day	1,145	Over 120 Days	11,256	Advance Payments	(4,104)
TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable November 2014						69,767	17.23%		
Accounts Receivable November 2013						59,514			

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

**Revaluation:** We have chosen KRT Appraisal of Haverill, Massachusetts to do our statistical update of assessment values. Two firms bid on the work: KRT and Vision Government Solutions. KRT was the low bidder, and while that fact alone was not the deciding criteria it was certainly a major component in our decision to award them the bid.

The CAMA (Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal) software we use is Vision, so it was essential that the winning bidder be intimately familiar with the software. This, of course, limited the number of firms able to bid on the project.

Ken Rodgers (KR) and Rob Tozier (T), the principals at KRT are both former Vision employees. They worked on the appraisal side of Vision and were Project Managers there. As Project Managers they planned, implemented and ran revaluation projects for many municipalities. Ken was Project Manager here when Vision did our reval in 2005. Ken and Rob are as familiar with Vision as anyone at Vision, and are probably more familiar with Rockport.

The project will commence in February and conclude at the end of May. The updated valuations will be in effect in the coming tax year (as of April 1, 2015).

**New Middle School:** Cathy Murphy, Finance Director for CSD and SAD 28, called the day after the school board voted to ask voters to support a \$28 million school project. She wanted to know how this would impact Rockport taxpayers. As a result, I had the dubious distinction of being the first person in Rockport to stagger back at the impact of adding 87 cents to our mil rate. I did the calculation two or three times to make sure I had that right. We go through incredible machinations, while working on budgets, to try and shave a penny here or there from the mil rate, so the thought of one item hiking the rate by almost a dollar had me reeling. The schools already comprise 71% of our tax rate. I sure do wish the schools had to send out their own tax bills. We get the grief while they get the money! And there will be plenty of grief as a result of this, if the voters approve it.

**Maine Water:** There is a large parcel of land that straddles the top of Ragged Mountain all the way to Hope that was sold to Coastal Mountains Land Trust (CMLT). In 2010, the Land Trust filed an application to exempt the parcel as land held for public benefit by a benevolent and charitable organization. I denied the application on the grounds that the Legislature created the Open Space current use program for exactly this purpose (tax reduction in exchange for public benefit). Open Space does not provide for a 100% reduction as does an exemption. The denial didn't go over very well. We argued back and forth for a while, and then the land trust hit upon a better solution: they sold the land to Maine Water (at the time Aqua Maine). The water company gave CMLT a conservation easement to use the land as they originally intended, and then enrolled the land into Open Space. Maine Water's desire was to be supportive of Rockport by contributing to the tax base. We finalized the transaction in November, but had advanced it enough by April 1 to include it in this year's taxes. So rather than \$0 in taxable valuation, the parcels' (the one parcel was split into four) combined taxable value is \$612,700. The taxes netted from this was \$7,958.97.

**Surprise Condos:** I received no response from the property owner at 10 Summer Street concerning the conversion of that building into condos. This is a bad situation in that we have very little idea what is going on there and, for me, how to place a fair value on the units. For the people who buy into the development, and most will expect that the development went through

some sort of regulatory process, we cannot protect them from signing onto something that may not be what it seems. I'm not saying this is the case here. I am saying we don't know if it is or not. I have asked Jamie to create language in our land use ordinance that would require that all condo conversions go to the planning board.

**BETR:** Business Equipment Tax Reimbursement. Megan and I processed just under 80 applications. A few years ago we got aggressive about getting local business owners involved in the program. Very few did at the time – maybe 20. Most of those who did apply were out-of-state leasing companies. It's a weakness in the program that a lot of money gets sent out of state. This annoyed me. As a result of our effort local participation has increased by around 300%. It's a true win-win program. We collect the taxes and keep the revenues while the state does the reimbursing.

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

During the month of November the Garden Club held their monthly meeting and an organizational meeting for the Holly Berry Fair and Randy and Steve helped them by moving the parts of the float that are stored in our basement to the barn a couple of doors down. We hosted the Celebration of Life for Michael Tofani.

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Revenue for the month of November was \$487.00 and the Opera House was used 9 days of the 30 available.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board regular meeting, the Planning Board, and the Zoning Board. The Library held a Wednesday evening lecture and the last 2 evenings of the Seafaring Series. Bob Kennedy presented an Ad Hoc Water Quality lecture on Kononen Park pollution and this was televised. All these meetings were in the meeting room.

Maintenance this month included: cleaning and keeping up with additional uses in the building. We had a small problem with the sprinkler system and that was addressed. Mike learned how to shut off the water to avoid possible damage when the power goes off and the sprinkler fills up because the compressor doesn't work – no power. Eastern Fire did their quarterly sprinkler inspection with no problems found. Had to have the front door adjusted, as it wouldn't close. It seems that when people leave the building they push on the right side and because the doors are so large and heavy, this eventually causes a small part to break and does not allow that door to close properly. We are going to try to purchase the part, so Randy can easily replace it to fix the door. The a/c outside intake is not working properly. RMI came over and is investigating the problem.

Last year maintenance included: repairs to the old balcony seats, which seem to have needed a lot of work this year. They are too old to buy parts for, so we have had to make do with what we have. Eastern Fire did their quarterly sprinkler inspection and no problems were found, keeping the building and auditorium with the correct setup for events. Most of the events happened in the auditorium and were concerts or lectures with different seating.

Revenue was \$1,369.00 and the Opera House was used on 21 of the 31 days.

# Rockport Public Library

## NOVEMBER 2014

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November was all about Noir, as in Noir November, with great book selections like the Maltese Falcon, and offering Noir Movie Night with a special showing of Double Indemnity! It was definitely a dark and stormy November and the Library, along with businesses and many homes, had some days where we either had no power or the road conditions were bad and closed early. The weather did impact our attendance and circulation figures, but we still welcomed about 2200 visitors. After the storm and on the first day back that we had power at the library, our computer use numbered in the 30's. It was the library that people turned to reconnect with family members, check emails and report back to work and in some cases get warm! We want to salute the work of our Public Works Department, moving downed tree limbs and helping to make travel and buildings safe.

The Library also finished up the wonderful Seafaring Series with Taylor Allen with a history of Rockport Marine and Rob Eddy presenting his beautiful classic yacht models. All told attendance for this annual event was 241 attendees over the course of six nights. Many thanks to the Friends of the Rockport Public Library for all their help with this event and to Ben Blackmon for his technical support with the presenters.

We were delighted to have author Fran Hodgkins showcasing her new book, The Secret Galaxy, with wonderful photographs by Mike Taylor-the Milky Way never looked so good! Paul Marshall took us on a historical and reflective presentation during his Maine Boy Goes to War talk on his experiences during World War II.

Youth Services Librarian Ben Odgren read to 17 children on a field trip from Maine's outer islands. Students traveled from Monhegan, Matinicus, the Cranberry Isles, Isle au Haut, and Cliff Island as part of a field trip through the Outer Islands Teacher's Learning Collaborative - a program facilitated by the Island Institute. Ben read to children from pre-k to second grade, as well as provided crafts. The field trip was focused on sites in the Midcoast area. Ben read to the children after a presentation given by Maine author Mary Cerullo.

We are continuing to see people enjoy the new offering of Ben Readin', the collaborative online book review experience created by our librarians, Ben Odgren and Ben Blackmon. So far we have had 131 views and 17 votes for the next book selection. Ben Readin' is a fun and lively book review-check it out!

Ann Filley, Ben Blackmon and Ben Odgren attended the annual Maine State Library conference in Bangor on November 16 and 17. This event is a great opportunity to meet with other public, academic and school librarians. We are so fortunate to have speakers from all over the country. There are panel discussions on resource sharing, advocacy, identifying the full value of the library and so much more. This is one of the best ways for so many of us to come together to celebrate how libraries impact our communities. We also get great ideas to provide new types of programming at the library.

Next steps are moving forward for the library. Working with the town, we have established critical areas of need to improve the library building. So, beginning in December, you may begin to see some changes.

LIBRARY STATISTICS:

Circulation	Nov.-14	Nov.-13	% Change
<b>Adults</b>	<b>2783</b>	<b>3410</b>	<b>-18.4</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>1278</b>	<b>1362</b>	<b>-6.2</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>4300</b>	<b>5005</b>	<b>-14.1</b>

Total circulation (materials checked out) also includes 21 Honor System Books (and puzzles)

Attendance	Nov.-14	Nov.-13	% Change
<b>Adults</b>	<b>1933</b>	<b>1919</b>	<b>.7</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>-14.6</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>235</b>	<b>-16.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2199</b>	<b>2236</b>	<b>-1.7</b>

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

Interlibrary Loan	Nov.-14	Nov.-13	% Change
<b>Incoming</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>515</b>	<b>-22.5</b>
<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>430</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>-17.1</b>

ebooks	Nov.-14	Nov.-13	% Change
<b>Audio</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>85.7</b>
<b>ebooks</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>7.7</b>

COMPUTER	Nov.-14	Nov.-13	% Change
<b>Computer Usage</b>	<b>327*</b>	<b>428</b>	<b>-30.9</b>

\*OF THE 327 UNITS OF COMPUTER USE, 77 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	Nov.-14	Nov.-13	% Change
<b>Reference</b>	<b>316</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>-8.1</b>

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech Sessions
<b>Adults</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>224</b>	
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>Children</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>185 Children</b> <b>51 Adults</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>460</b>	<b>4</b>

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

**Activities, services, and programs:**

**460 people** attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in November

- Sea Faring Series
- Noir Movie Night with Ben Blackmon
- Secret Galaxy with Fran Hodgkins-author talk
- Maine Boy Goes to War with Paul Marshall
- Ebook education with Ann Filley
- Fiber Arts Group
- Twice monthly Fiber Arts Group
- Wicked Good 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Book Group
- Twice-weekly French Conversation Group
- Weekly after school reading program
- Weekly story time for babies and toddlers
- Weekly Community Outreach Programs-Ben Odgren
  - Coastal Opportunities
  - Pen Bay Child Care
  - YMCA Child Care
  - Mid Coast Recreation child care
- Outer Island TLC
- Drop-in Mah-Jongg group on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays
- BookLovers' Café
- Twice-monthly Poet's Corner

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: \$ 1458.41

Along with our desk income (fines, book sales, etc.)the library received a generous \$249.00 gift from Celia Jones for the purchase of new large print materials as well as supporting our interlibrary loan service, and a \$500.00 donation from Emily Lewis to support the library overall. We continue to be very grateful to the people who are so generous.

**VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS**

Along with all the countless volunteer hours for the annual book sale, our in house volunteers gave 67.50 hours or \$843.75 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.

12/04/2014 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: **November 2014 (from October 31 through November 27)**

1. **Worked on:** '04 Freightliner – after painting completed – we put on new air tanks, a dump valve, tool box patch, new cover for the hydraulic valves, new brakes; '08 F350 – new sander motor picked up in Skowhegan and put on the sander; '08 F350 sander worked on-there was a ground problem that was repaired; Beaugard came down and worked on both the loader and the backhoe. They ordered parts and came back and did the repairs.
2. **Town Office:** set up voting booths before elections and took down after elections
3. **Library:** took sand and salt for their barrel a few times; power accidentally knocked out when a tree we cut fell on the lines and knocked out power. CMP responded very fast and power was back on in a relatively short time.
4. **Garage:** clean up and readied for winter and cleaned up during month
5. **Road Construction:** work on Mt. Pleasant dirt portion done by George Hall
6. **Meetings:** Dept. Head meetings,
7. **Harbor:** pulled some floats, worked on trying to finish the underground power and get CMP to hook it up-small excavator rented and returned. We used this to dig a trench for power lines.
8. **Parks & Rec Dept.:** closed some parks on the 31<sup>st</sup> – MJ Rec Field & Walker Park; closed Beauchamp Point Rd. & closed Cramer Park - later
9. **ROH:** had front door adjusted. A/C outside air intake did not close properly and is allowing cold air to come into the auditorium. This is being fixed. Had the broken urinal repaired. Finished repairing the furnace. When the power went out, the sprinkler system filled with water and had Eastern Fire come down and drain some of the system. They taught Mike how to drain the remainder of the system, so they did not need to come back.
10. **Rt. 1 Sewer Extension:** on hold until spring
11. **Storms:** November started out like a large lion and it took all month + to do cleanup. On Sunday, Nov. 2 the area was hit with about 5-6 inches of heavy, wet snow and high winds. With all the leaves still on the trees, the high winds, and the heavy, wet snow this caused a lot of trees and branches to come down all over town. The entire crew worked 18 hours straight on Sunday trying to keep up with the plowing and trees and branches in the road. As you all know, power was out for a minimum of 12 hours to 4 days, depending upon where you live. Jason and several of the fire fighters helped plow, cut and remove trees, and keep areas clean for Sunday and Monday. This event caused enough damage in Knox County and the area that EMA is trying to get some reimbursement for the storm and tree/brush cleanup that is on-going. From Nov. 2 thru Nov. 8 we were able to account for \$25,467.94 in public works time, vehicles, and other services and for the Fire Department \$1,544.48 in time and vehicles for the FEMA Form7. This beginning form is what is used to determine if the storm will qualify for any disaster relief. Now we wait to see if anything will happen. Debris cleanup continued on various days during the remainder of the month with the use of the '01 Freightliner and the '04 F450. Because we have the extra trucks, we don't need to take out sanders, off plows & wings and put back on for storms. A light pole on the iron bridge over Goose River was broken in half. Chainsaws were sharpened regularly to keep everyone safe. A crew from the Conservation Corps came and helped pick up brush for 2 days during one week, including working on a Saturday. Nov. 17 – the crew sanded the town. Readied for snow the week of Thanksgiving – made sure all sanders in good working order, plows and wings on trucks. Snow on the day before Thanksgiving and Thanksgiving. There were many days when we did light sandings because the roads were slick in the morning.
12. **Salt** - salt delivered was 124.94 tons during November

13. **RES East:** contacted Bill Carver, State licensed tank installer, that we would remove the Underground Storage Tank in December as we had promised MDEP last year. Sent a required notice to the MDEP – UST that we were going to do this and the date.
14. **Parks & Rec** – closed Beauchamp Point for the winter
15. Helped MCSWC out with the loan of our loader and operator to load chip trucks, which are 18 wheelers, as needed, during the month. Our larger loader makes the job go easier and faster. This allowed their smaller loader to keep grinding up the trees and branches and not make a larger pile than necessary on site. The loading of chip trucks continued throughout the month as fast as we could bring in brush, they could chip it and get the trucks in to pick up the chips. This is a win-win situation as we don't pay to haul in the brush.
16. Vac-All loaned to Camden, but it wouldn't stay working, so it was returned- it needs a part and we will try to find one
17. Picked up used motor oil to recycle in our furnace
18. Cold patched
19. Had some radios repaired – they either can't hear what is going on or can't transmit – we put on some antennas that were mailed to us
20. Picked up Garden Club wreaths to decorate the Town and put on the Town Office, Fire Station, West Rockport Fire Station, Harbor Master bldg., iron bridge, Opera House.
21. Road patrol done several times to check on fallen debris from wind and storms in areas we had already finished cleaning up

Man hours available this month -1,063.00 regular hours + 327.5 overtime =1,390.5 hrs.; Approximate man hours on the above projects – at least 887 regular hours + 327.5 overtime =1,214.5 hrs.  
This does not include the small extra projects, errands, and twice a week trash removal.

Last year we worked on the grader, put winters on the '13 F550, Vac-All, Oshkosh repaired, '04 F550, sanders & plows, '10 Freightliner, '08 F350; winter prep done – all trucks had winter tires put on, plow gear on and some wings & plows on-extra in garage and ready (plowed and sanded on Nov. 26 1<sup>st</sup> time); Town Office-setup for voting and took down, picked up hoses for winter; Library – moved filing cabinets, picked up hoses, took out a/c, helped get ready for winter; Garage – picked up waste oil, cleaned shop & yard, cleaned sand/salt shed; Meetings – DH, SB, Steve & Bill visited residents homes to talk about the smoking of the storm drains; Harbor- assisted Dallas Field to get a boat back on it's mooring, moved the bell in the center of the circle, dug a hole for new Christmas tree & placed in hole, some floats pulled, grill to PW garage, Mike & Rick rescued the Timberwind from Head Wall during a storm; RES East – UT inspected – water pumped out and new lock put on, got extension to take out by next December 31, 2014; Parks & Rec – closed Beauchamp, parks & cemeteries for winter, took out a broken baby swing at Walker Park- will replace it in the spring, all water shut off, garage out, portable toilets out, cleaned out doggy pots – which will soon freeze in the containers and we won't be able to do this during the winter; ROH – picked up the lift from the CSD to replace bulbs and aim them for Dracula in auditorium and returned it; cleaned up street shoulders, catch basins, & culverts; did road patrol for trees, branches, and brush several times; cleaned up a tree that fell on Camrock – making it impassable; jack hammered man hole on Pleasant St. and lowered man hole core to protect them from being hit by the plow in the winter - paved holes; Waste Water – smoked storm drains in village area due to Kononen Park Beach problems – several men several days – extensive project; put up stop signs and speed limit signs; roadside trash picked up; repaired Keller Dr. circle and shoulders- paved; flags out & in for Veteran's Day; cold patched; loaned Vac-All to Camden; West St. manhole problem addressed; cleaned out catch basins with the Vac-All; picked up a deer – hit by a car; picked up wreaths week of Thanksgiving to be put up

# ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## NOVEMBER, 2014

### OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	0
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	06	05
203/ D. Smith	20	20
204/ R. Shaw	11	18
205/C. Plaisted	11	07
206/ Vacant		
211/ C. Cooley	11	08

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VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	6,680	430.3	15.5

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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	10
Abandoned Vehicle	1
Administrative	5
Agency Assistance	21
Alarm	43
Animal Noise	1
Animal Problem	2
Bail Check	2
Violation of Bail Conditions	5
Burglary	1
Car/Deer 10-55	7
Citizen Assist	2
Citizen Dispute	1
Civil Problem	1
Criminal Mischief	2
Dead Body	2
Detail Assignment	1
Disabled Vehicle	2
Disorderly Conduct	5
Domestic	4
Controlled Substance Problem	5
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	16
Found Property	3
Hit and Run 10-55	1
Information Report	7
Intoxicated Person	2
Juvenile Problem	2
Lost Property	2
Mental Health Issue	2
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	4
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	1
Parking Problem	2
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	20
Pedestrian Check	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3
Police Information	1
Probation Violation	1
Property Check	27
Public Works Referral	1
Radar Detail	15
Runaway Juvenile	1
School Visit	2
Report of shots fired	5
Stray Animal	1
Suspicious Vehicle	5
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	5
Theft	6
Threatening	3
Traffic Hazard	10
Traffic Violation	39
Traffic Stop	6
Trespassing	2
Unsecure Premise	1
Utility Problem	3
Vehicle off roadway no damage	13
Vehicle Maintenance	9
Vehicle Search	2
Wanted Person	2
Well-Being Chck	55
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Total Incidents for This Report:	404

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	2	2	2	3	0	1	1	11
01:00-01:59	1	1	1	1	1	3	1	9
02:00-02:59	2	2	5	0	1	3	2	15
03:00-03:59	1	3	0	3	3	5	4	19
04:00-04:59	5	3	3	0	0	3	5	19
05:00-05:59	0	2	0	3	2	1	1	9
06:00-06:59	1	2	2	3	2	1	1	12
07:00-07:59	2	3	1	2	4	1	1	14
08:00-08:59	4	5	3	0	2	3	5	22
09:00-09:59	1	1	0	0	1	2	8	13
10:00-10:59	7	4	1	2	0	1	4	19
11:00-11:59	3	2	1	5	3	5	3	22
12:00-12:59	1	2	1	1	1	2	6	14
13:00-13:59	5	3	1	2	0	2	4	17
14:00-14:59	3	2	9	7	2	3	3	29
15:00-15:59	2	5	4	5	1	3	3	23
16:00-16:59	3	7	4	6	2	3	1	26
17:00-17:59	7	1	4	0	2	4	4	22
18:00-18:59	0	2	3	2	5	2	4	18
19:00-19:59	0	5	3	3	1	3	2	17
20:00-20:59	5	3	1	1	5	3	2	20
21:00-21:59	2	1	3	0	5	1	4	16
22:00-22:59	0	1	1	1	1	3	4	11
23:00-23:59	2	1	1	0	1	1	1	7
Total by Day	59	63	54	50	45	59	74	404

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 11/01/14` and `23:59:59 11/30/14`  
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

November, 2014

Typically November in the harbor is a time to re-group but this year with storms, sinking boats and the lighting project the re-grouping will have to wait.

- Received a call early in the morning from a harbor resident who said that a lobster boat had sunk on its mooring and only the very top of the boat was visible. I contacted the owner who was able to get it raised that same day and running again. The cause of the sinking is a suspected dead battery so the bilge pump did not engage.
- The harbor was relatively isolated from the heavy storm damage that the rest of town sustained during the early November storm. Some of the large cedars by the foot bridge came down and required some trimming and chipping. It is my hope to continue exposing the stone wall behind the cedars this spring as it would clean up that area and be a nice spot for an additional picnic area.
- The same owner of the lobster boat that sunk earlier in the month put in a different boat to finish out the season with. On their way in the day before Thanksgiving, the boat began taking on water. The captain managed to quickly bring her into the beach next to the Harbormaster's office and off load some of the traps before it went down. I was able to get them a mobile pump to get the water out enough to take it to Rockport Marine to be hauled out by the travel lift. Luckily no one was hurt or had to be rescued from the water. The boat was repaired and put back in the water.
- CC Electric completed their part of the new lights and power project. The lights are all wired up and ready to be energized, the last piece of the puzzle is waiting for Fairpoint to come and replace their pole. We have been assured that will be done in the first week of December.
- We hauled and stored all of the recreational floats in Marine Park. Public Works did a great job storing them close together in the parking lot so that traffic and walkers have room to get by.
- The commercial floats will stay in until after Holiday on the Harbor.
- The Holiday on the Harbor committee met weekly to coordinate the event on December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Happy Holidays!

Respectfully Submitted,

Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster

## **Rockport Fire Department November 2014**

12/8/2014

November brought the start to snow, slippery roads and car accidents for the winter months. With 22 calls spread throughout the month it was very busy. Several nights of good chimney fire training prepared the firefighters for the cold winter months.

The month started off with a two vehicle head on, and Firefighter William Smith arriving on scene to a female driver unconscious and not breathing. With his years of medical training and experience he was able to regain a good air way and get the driver breathing again. After extricating the driver from the car she was rushed to the hospital where she is expected to make a full recovery. A total of 9 car accidents took place with some rollovers and minor injuries to several rear ends.

November also brought one of the worst snow, ice and wind storms in the history of the Rockport Fire Department. With over 65 total calls throughout the 2 day event I was busy both days and both nights plowing trees out of the road to help Northeast ambulance get to patients throughout Rockport. We had trees and wires down all over town causing major power outages. I assisted the highway crew with plowing intersections and some roads due to the trees and wires being down. A second snow/wind storm took place at the end of the month causing again several trees and wires to fall and block many roads and knock out power to several homes in the town.

This month's training focused on ladders and chimney fires prepping our firefighters for the cold months to come and the high probability that we will be called soon to save someone's chimney. Each SCBA firefighter was able to climb a ladder and complete an actual chimney fire scenario on the old farm on Park Street learning the proper techniques and safety measures.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Peasley