

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

**General Government**

Planner/Community Development Director - Vacant  
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)

**TOWN CLERK  
MONTHLY REPORT  
OCTOBER 2014**

- **We issued 0 (0) Fishing Licenses, 9 (4) Hunting License, 0 (2) Resident Archery Licenses, 0 (1) Expanded Antlerless Archery Licenses, 2 (0) Res Spring-Fall Turkey License, 1 (0) duplicate License and 0 (2) Migratory Waterfowl Hunt. Fees collected totaled \$265.00 (\$176.50).**
- **1 (0) Boat Registrations, 5 (0) Snowmobiles and 9 (1) ATV Registrations and 0 Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters) were issued. Fees collected were \$555.00 (\$60.50) which included \$22.00 (\$27.50) in sales tax.**
- **We issued 29 (36) dog licenses this month for \$108.00 (\$129.00). Dog licenses are now available. Please remember to renew your dog's license before the end of December. We sent twenty-seven reminder letters to dog owners who had not licensed their dogs for last year or that are new to the town.**
- **Processed 21 (8) transfers, 293 (212) passenger cars, 19 (13) commercial vehicles, 10 (8) trailers, 0 (1) motorcycles, 1 (0) motor homes, 3 (4) antiques, 2 (0) Farm Trucks, 5 (2) duplicate stickers and 0 (6) duplicate registrations. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$60,049.70 (\$55,955.27). This is an increase of 7.32% from last year.**
- **We collected \$3,868.85 (\$2,501.00) for launching fees, overnight dockage & parking, showers, winter boat storage, electric reimbursement, waiting lists fees and berthing fees and merchandise. We also collected \$38.00 (\$57.60) in boat excise tax.**
- **We processed \$4,814,753.07 (\$5,180,323.03) in real estate taxes this month. The due date was October 15th. The second half is due on April 15, 2015.**
- **I attended one Select Board meeting and 1 Select Board Workshop (Budget & Roads). Brenda, Shay and I attended the Maine Municipal Convention. This was a great opportunity to spend time with fellow clerks, our vendors and sharing lunch with our co-workers.**
- **Absentee balloting began this month. We issued several absentee ballots in preparation for the November 4<sup>th</sup> general & referendum election and special town meeting. The polls will be open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
- **This month was an extremely busy month processing tax payments. As a result I spent several hours working over the regular work hours. As always, it has been a great opportunity to serve and spend time with the residents.**

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

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

- Interest earned on all deposit accounts was 0.85%.
- 49.74% of taxes have been paid for FY 14-15; \$6,610,607.63 remains outstanding in taxes receivable.

	Previous Month September 2014	Current Month October 2014	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago October 2013	Difference	% Change
<b>Budget-Current Month Expenses</b>							
Payroll	79,033	101,581	22,548	28.53%	141,915	(40,334)	-28.42%
* General Fund Checking	1,155,768	2,114,585	958,817	82.96%	1,964,651	149,934	7.63%
Total Expenses	1,234,801	2,216,165	981,365	79.48%	2,106,566	109,599	5.20%
<i>* Corrected from previous report.</i>							
<b>Budget-Current Month Revenues/Transfers</b>							
	3,273,482	4,936,767	1,663,284	50.81%	5,320,650	(383,883)	-7.21%
<b>NET</b>	2,038,682	2,720,601	681,920	33.45%	3,214,084	(109,599)	15.35%
<b>Cash on Hand Balance</b>							
All GF Cash Accounts	1,897,424	4,353,885	2,456,462	129.46%	3,842,291	511,594	13.31%
<b>Taxes Paid (for the month)</b>	1,760,042	4,721,573	2,961,531	168.26%	5,153,202	(431,629)	-8.38%
<b>Total Taxes Paid-end of Month</b>	1,889,035	6,610,608	4,721,573	249.95%	6,338,332	272,276	4.30%
<b>Investments-Bar Harbor Trust Services</b>							
Public Assistance	271,451	280,752	9,300	3.43%	381,280	(100,528)	-26.37%
Cemeteries	343,028	354,781	11,753	3.43%	481,854	(127,073)	-26.37%
Total Investments	614,479	635,532	21,053	3.43%	863,134	(227,602)	-26.37%
<b>Investments-The First (Opened 11/27/13)</b>							
Public Assistance	128,573	128,755	182	0.14%			
Cemeteries	162,515	162,747	232	0.14%			
Total Investments	291,088	291,502	414	0.14%			
<b>Combined Totals Investments</b>	905,567	927,034	21,467	2.37%	863,134	63,900	7.40%
<b>Wastewater</b>							
** Expenses	949,955	300,247	(649,708)	-68.39%	38,102	262,145	688.01%
* Revenue	324,106	300,068	(24,038)	-7.42%	97,388	202,680	208.12%
<b>NET</b>	(625,849)	(179)	625,670	-99.97%	59,286	(59,465)	-100.30%
<i>**Expenses include Sewer Expansion Project.</i>							
<b>Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance</b>							
* WW General Fund	263,994	264,031	189,186	0.01%	225,126	38,905	17.28%
The First-Investment	384,702	384,980	380,844	0.07%	381,660	3,320	0.87%
<b>Total Cash</b>	648,696	649,011	315	0.05%	606,786	42,225	6.96%
<b>WW Accounts Receivable</b>							
<b>30 Day</b>	115,763						
<b>60 Day</b>		5,213					
<b>90 Day</b>			1,188				
<b>Over 120 Days</b>					13,059		
<b>Advance Payments</b>					(3,657)		
<b>TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable October 2014</b>					131,565	2.69%	
<b>Accounts Receivable October 2013</b>					128,121		

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

**Revaluation:** Work on the planned reval is well underway. But first to prevent misconceptions: what we are doing is not a full-blown town-wide revaluation. We are doing a town-wide statistical update of our assessment values. The difference is that we will be studying sales from the past two years and use that data to update the entire town. If we were doing a full-blown revaluation, we'd also be visiting every property to measure and list. For the update we'll only be visiting the properties used in the sales ratio studies.

I will, however, follow up this update with a "measure and list" program that will last 3-4 years. In that time I will visit every property in town. I put measure and list in quotations because while I will visit every property I will only measure and list those whose property records cards do not represent what I see on the ground. This program of visitation will be accompanied by a mailing in which people will be asked to help us update their record cards. To those of you who read that with skepticism, I was with you a while ago, but the experience of other assessors has turned my opinion of this 180 degrees. Everyone I know who has done an update-by-mail program has been amazed at the quantity and quality of the responses. So we'll give it a go too.

By October's end we published a "Request for Bids," and sent the package to a list of firms qualified to do the work with me, and also placed the package on our website. A big public thank you to Stacey Parra for her invaluable assistance in putting the package together.

Once we have gone through this process I will tweak values whenever new realities intervene. The Maine Constitution requires a revaluation every 10 years, but there is nothing preventing us from doing it more often. By not letting values get out of whack we will not have to buy a reval in the future and valuation appeals to the Board of Assessment Review will be easier to defend.

**Abatement and Supplementals:** The delivery of tax bills always brings up value issues people put off addressing during the year. "You have me down as having two building, but we demolished one." That type of thing.

And we make (gasp!) errors. One or two a year anyway. The typical one is the missed property split. We read every deed involved in every real estate transfer that takes place in town. They are not always easy to understand. A line such as, "Continue to follow the boundary with Jones until a stone wall; thence proceed westerly along boundary with Watson following the creek to land of Smith." Of course, Jones, Watson and Smith are all dead, their lands are no longer owned by anyone with those names and the creek mentioned is seasonal. But somehow we eventually make sense of it.

We abate and supplement throughout the year, but the action is heaviest for the first few months after tax bills are received. Taxpayers have 6 months after commitment to apply for an abatement, but I can issue them another 6 months on my own initiative if warranted.

**Current Use:** Current Use programs are Farmland, Open Space, Tree Growth and Working Waterfront. The idea behind them is to provide a tax break in exchange for particular benefits to the state, town or public. They are, as are most well-intentioned special privileges, subject to abuse. A property owner called me looking for property tax relief. He knew about the current use programs and was trying to figure out which one would benefit him the most. He will be able to place 100+ acres into farmland because he has 5-10 acres of pastureland that can be hayed. I have no objection to applying the farmland discount to the pastureland, but the way the law is written I have to also give him the tree growth rates for the 100+ acres of forest. A tree growth

acre is valued at an average of \$300/acre. Normally that same land is valued at an average of \$5000/acre. Not a bad tax break. Under the Tree Growth program he would have to have a forester create a harvest plan that would schedule timber harvesting years into the future. The idea behind the program is that the property owner will supply the wood products industry with raw material in exchange for a substantial tax break. The wood products industry employs many Mainers so it's a fair trade-off. But if that same forested land is entered into the Farmland program I have to give him the same acreage value as he would get in Tree Growth but the landowner is not required to get a management and harvest plan together, nor is he obligated to harvest a single stick for the wood products industry. I cannot refuse to allow the land into the program. It is incredibly unfair. But the Legislature has refused to correct this (and many other current use program loopholes). Everyone who gets a break he doesn't deserve places his tax burden on the rest of us.

**Surprise Condos:** I received a phone call from a person interested in buying one of the Schoolhouse condos on Summer Street. "What condos?" was my response to the inquiry. Turns out the owner of the property condo-ized the half of the building that had been rented as apartments. They did this without going to the planning board, and without submitting to any regulating authority at all. Condos are special real estate situations. Each one with its own unique particularities. For example, there are common elements that are shared amongst all owners. Valuing condos means knowing what rights owners have and do not have. The regulatory process is how we discover what is going on with a property. Otherwise it would be impossible to place a correct value of the units. After checking with our Town Attorney and MMA's legal department it remains unclear to me if the property owner even has to submit to regulation.

There's no doubt in my mind that unless there is some sort of legal mechanism to require Town involvement, this will become quite a headache after next year's tax bills are delivered. Of even more importance is protecting the condo owner. Condo declarations detail a condo owner's rights and responsibilities. This aspect usually receives careful review by the planning board. But it may turn out that the planning board has no role here.

**Camden and Rockport Working Together:** I just realized that my last two items contained a bit of angst and frustration, which was not intended but does reflect what the assessing department was dealing with in October 2014. So to end on a positive note, Rick, Bill Chapman and I have been in conversation with our counterparts in Camden about merging and/or sharing assessing resources. The conversation is progressing in a positive direction.

This past summer, after Camden's assessor retired, I and another assessor, Jim Murphy Jr., and Camden's assessing assistant, worked in Camden to get them to commitment. I have continued to work in Camden for a limited amount of time each week. We are hopeful that this experience will help us determine how much inter-town cooperation is possible.

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

During the month of October the monthly Garden Club meeting was held elsewhere and We the People had a very successful fundraising concert.

Revenue for the month of October was \$557.00 and the Opera House was used 12 days of the 31 available for at least one event each day.

Town meetings held in the Opera House Meeting Room this month were the Select Board regular meeting and the Planning Board. The Zoning Board was canceled. A Public Hearing on the Library Warrant Article was held in the Auditorium. The Library hosted a speech contest with Tom Dowd, the Seafaring Series started on the 9<sup>th</sup> and was held each Thursday evening, a special presentation on the Rockport Fiber Project was held in the Meeting Rm., and the Library held lectures on 3 of the Wednesdays. The Halloween Party was moved to the Library.

Maintenance this month included: major work on the furnace by Rockport Mechanical. It was decided to take the one section of the furnace out to keep the other 6 sections working. This should not affect the heat coming into the building. The furnace was installed in 1991 and one section has been replaced. New furnaces are more efficient and we will look into replacing this one to provide for more efficient heating and to lower costs for repairs as replacing sections is expensive. During the rainstorm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> the attic roof vent leaked. The water eventually reached backstage when it was discovered. Mike took a tarp and went onto the roof in the rain and duct taped it down. There will be a cover made, so this, hopefully, doesn't happen again. The roof is slated to be fixed next spring in the bond. Daryl came over with some buckets to place under the leaks in the attic to catch any rain that came down. The hoses were put away for the winter, the plumber came in and repaired a toilet in the men's room that was leaking, another men's room toilet was repaired – it wouldn't stop running, the kitchen was cleaned and some painting was started. A couple of meetings were added or changed, so Randy had to change plans and do some different setups on short notice, but all worked out fine.

Last year maintenance included: Dracula was the main attraction in the auditorium. Setup and rehearsals took about 2 weeks out of the month with the play opening on Halloween night. This was a successful event and we hope that they will come back in the 2015 season. Working around the play and setup both downstairs and up was sometimes challenging. The lift from the CSD was used to help with lights and our lights were cleaned and adjusted by Tom Sadowski and his wife. This has helped with light projection. The light board was reset better control of lighting – done by Tom at no charge. Steve Lammert, the master electrician with stage experience, stopped in on his way thru and will repair our old spot lights and get them working again. The power went out during a storm and caused the sprinkler system to back up – yet again. 2 weak spots were found, cleaned up from, and we await repair work. Keeping everything cleaned up and set up for 3 major events and keeping everything ready during a busy month was a test for the logistics, yet again. The chair lift didn't work, so the company had to be called to repair it.

# Rockport Public Library

## OCTOBER 2014

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It has been a busy and rewarding October! The library is a hopping place, a true community gathering space. We know that the library is not just about the books, and we do have some great ones, but the library offers so much more! In October the library continued the tradition of providing information and learning new ideas while offering great experiences with the Sea Faring series. Thursday nights were more than sea worthy with talks by Lolly and Jim Mitchell, sailing on the Penobscot Bay, Cap'n Ann Filley and First Mate Ben Blackmon with books of sea for landlubbers and sailors, and Ron Hawkins who discussed tugboat work and seamanship. October's sea faring offerings ended with Lexi Kraus and his amazing stories of his work as a commercial tuna fisherman. Many thanks for the Friends of Rockport Library for doing such a great job lining up presenters. The library also hosted the humorous Toastmaster's contest, had author Jan Gilley, who presented her book, *Light on Jib Island* and provided historical information and pictures on lighthouses, and Paul Marshall presented his experiences in Micronesia. Water in one form or another appeared to be a great theme in October. The library ran a Star Wars day program, encouraging kids to come in to check out our new Star Wars books, provided Legos to tap into their imaginations and presented a Star Wars movie.

The library also began a new tradition for Halloween, offering crafts, treats and face-painting! The decorations were wonderful, many thanks to the staff- we had about 20 people come in to show off costumes (kids and adults, alike) and have some Halloween fun. The face-painters and crafts were supplied by our wonderful volunteers, which makes such a difference to the library. We also launched our new Orion Star Blaster telescope at our library open house and star gazing is already a hit!

The library served 2,718 people in October, which is up 7.50% from the same period last year! People coming in for our programs numbered 761 for 54 programs. Total circulation has also increased by almost 7% from last year and interlibrary loan has seen an increase of around 12%.

On another note, two library referendums were placed on the November ballot, which did not pass. These two referendums were one way to gauge town opinion in regards to the library, in terms of a new building and a possible new location. Whichever side of the discussion you find yourself, it was wonderful to see the effort made by library lovers. Volunteers went door to door, held information talks, posted ads in the newspapers. The Library Committee worked long and hard to make sure that the information they provided was an accurate and fair representation of what many people feel represents the best solution to an overcrowded, but well-loved institution. As the director, I applaud the work that was done on behalf of the library and the town. The great news is that these discussions and the results of the non-binding resolutions support the planning and development of a comprehensive analysis of the building by the Town, the creation of a library building program, and an opportunity to look at the development of the town as a whole. I continue to believe that libraries are an important part of a community's sustainability and as the needs of library patron's change, libraries must also evolve to support those changes.

LIBRARY STATISTICS:

Circulation	Oct.-14	Oct.-13	% Change
<b>Adults</b>	<b>3336</b>	<b>3179</b>	<b>4.9</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>308</b>	<b>-13.2</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>1641</b>	<b>1432</b>	<b>14.6</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>5249</b>	<b>4919</b>	<b>6.7</b>

TOTAL CIRCULATION (MATERIALS CHECKED OUT) ALSO INCLUDES 43 HONOR SYSTEM BOOKS (AND PUZZLES)

Attendance	Oct.-14	Oct.-13	% Change
<b>Adults</b>	<b>2363</b>	<b>2262</b>	<b>4.50</b>
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>22.6</b>
<b>Children</b>	<b>279</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>36.8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>2718</b>	<b>2528</b>	<b>7.50</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	Oct.-14	Oct.-13	% Change
<b>Incoming</b>	<b>587</b>	<b>519</b>	<b>13.1</b>
<b>Outgoing</b>	<b>652</b>	<b>584</b>	<b>11.6</b>

ebooks	Oct.-14	Oct.-13	% Change
<b>Audio</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>88.6</b>
<b>ebooks</b>	<b>95</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>-11.2</b>

COMPUTER	Oct.-14	Oct.-13	% Change
<b>Computer Usage</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>468</b>	<b>-18.6</b>

\*OF THE 381 UNITS OF COMPUTER USE, 97 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

	Oct.-14	Oct.-13	% Change
<b>Reference</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>51.5</b>

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech Sessions
<b>Adults</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>404</b>	
<b>Young Adults</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Children</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>284 Children 72 Adults</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>	<b>761</b>	<b>5</b>

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

**Activities, services, and programs:**

**761 people** attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in September

- Sea Faring Series
- Paul Marshall-Micronesia
- Light on Jib Island-Jan Gilley author talk
- Library Open House
- Halloween Party
- Star Wars Day
- Top Gun Prep
- Foreign Film Night-with Ben Blackmon
- 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
- 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: \$ 11,419.66

The library received a wonder gift From Jaqueline Teare, whose husband, John Teare began the first Sea Faring Series! The library also received a generous \$400.00 gift for the purchase of new materials from

Bart and Priscilla Wood, and Paul and Elizabeth Killoran are generously supporting one month of interlibrary loan service. 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 85 hours or \$1062.50 savings to the town (calculated at \$12.50 per hour). In-house library volunteers help process books, shelve, facilitate programs, and other duties as assigned.

11/08/2014 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: **October 2014 (from September 26 through October 30)**

(E-Mail a copy to Stacey! As well as TM Deadline is the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month)

1. **Worked on:** '09 F550 – extensive work on brakes & tires; work completed on the '04 Freightliner-picked up at Daigle & Houghton after work completed there - truck taken to Cliff's painting to have it painted; readied the '13 F550, '12 F550, & '09 F550 for winter; 01 F450; brought in some plows, put on some head gear, and generally started to get ready for winter – studded tires on most trucks, winterized vehicles, greased the '93 L8000 truck bed, '10 Freightliner – winter tires, '07 Freightliner winter tires – when storm predicted at end of Oct. all trucks readied for winter service.
2. **Town Office:** Mike continued to arrange for the building of a vestibule out front; took salt over
3. **Library:** arranged for Harvest Energy to change boiler
4. **Garage:** cleaned the break room floors at least 2 times; pressure washer worked on; readied garage for possible upcoming snow storm at end of month
5. **Meetings:** Dept. Head meetings, Woodard & Curran – sewer contract talks, pre budget meeting, sewer extension meeting talks; front vestibule at Town Office, capital improvements projects meetings,
6. **Harbor:** underground lighting project continued – trenching for pvc pipe with power lines in them; Mike and Rideout Electric place the light poles and got them ready for power; filled trenches, loamed, seeded, and hayed before rain storms; looked at building new floats next spring and getting estimates; worked on a light on the fisherman's side of harbor
7. **Parks & Rec Dept.:** ordered more yellow bags for the dogipots on Beauchamp Point; had water shut off in all parks; had trash picked up and dumpsters removed where necessary. During the summer bushes were planted in Mary Lea Park. We kept those watered (from the Opera House) each week and have now put away the hose.
8. **ROH:** furnace problems – met with RMI & it was decided to take out the section of the furnace that was spit and put in a pipe until a decision could be made as to repair or replace. There are 7 sections to the 1991 furnace and 1 was replaced a few years ago. Newer furnaces are more efficient and this is a consideration factor. During the rain storm on the 22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> the roof started to leak over the stage. Mike and Daryl went to the attic with buckets and Mike temporarily covered the roof vent and a cover was manufactured for it later during the month.
9. **Cemeteries:** went to Glen Cove Cemetery to check on work being done by Rockland on their section on gravestones; had water turned off for the winter in all cemeteries.
10. **Rt. 1 Sewer Extension:** work stopped due to a problem obtaining proper catch basins. Our style of catch basin is now being made in China and we had to obtain special permission to purchase these. Because the basin could not be manufactured before November, it was decided to put the project on hold until next spring due to the product availability and the weather. Met with the State engineer for acceptance of the paving on Rt. 1
11. **Sand/Salt Shed:** winter sand delivered by Hartland contractors, salt from Morton Salt delivered by contractor, rented an excavator and used our loader to put sand and salt up to the rafters in the shed. This is a very impressive procedure not to mention what it looks like with the shed mostly filled. Put up 1,692 cubic yards of winter sand 320.55 tons of salt to start the winter months with
12. **Storms:** rain storms on October 16 and a long one rain storm from the evening of the 21<sup>st</sup> thru the 23<sup>rd</sup>. Road patrol done several times to clean up leaves and branches and keep the water running where it is supposed to go. Repaired wash outs, kept culverts and ditches flowing, placed stone in a spot washed out on Porter St.
13. Cleaned catch basins and storm drains of debris
14. Kevin continued CDL training in the classroom and on the road; Kevin got his driving permit and the next week got his CDL license. This gives him the license to drive our Freightliners.

15. Bid opening for the Western Star big truck that was postponed from last year. The bid was awarded to Freightliner of Maine for a Western Star truck and it has been ordered.
16. Working on shoulders on various roads – Park St., Meadow St.
17. Picked up waste oil
18. Marked catch basins and fire hydrants
19. Andy at WW Digsafed several areas for us & checked out a possible sewer prob. on West St.

Man hours available this month – 1,365 regular hrs. + 8 OT- rainstorm = 1,373 total hrs.; Approximate man hours on the above projects –

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

Last year we worked on the Oshkosh, sanders, grader, '12 F550, backhoe, Vac-All, '09 F550, '07 Freightliner, replaced cutting edges on some plows, studded tires on – '09 F550, '04 Freightliner, '04 F550; Library – pulled out a dead tree and planted a new one, cleaned the catch basin, picked up chairs from the Town Office for a meeting and returned them; Garage – started to pick up and clean up area outside and inside, cleaned the storage shed, picked up waste oil; Meetings – on Kononen Beach, DH, harbor walk with Parks Committee, several SB meetings and workshops, Sewer Ordinance Review meetings; Harbor – helped Abbie work on plans for the underground lighting project, plans for a new tree, meeting on the Ship Grant, put up a sign, cut trees and brush and hauled away, marked out harbor with Bill, checked pins on Fisherman's float, started to pull out all floats, placed 1" minus on Fisherman's side and graded, flagged pylons that need replacing, met with David Pettee on paving price, with MDOT on grant, cut out sumac on hill, took sewer pump line off the dock, brought in channel markers; Kononen Park – due to beach pollution plans were made to dye/smoke the drainage pipes and sewers – Bill and Steve went door to door in the area and talked to residents to explain the process. Bright pink notices were ordered by Woodard & Curran to place on the doors and this was done. Letters were sent out about the process well in advance of the smoking in case smoke was noticed in homes. Steve, Mike, Andy, Randy, and other PW employees covered the storm drains with sandbags and they were smoked to make sure there was no leakage from sewer drains into the storm drains going into the Harbor. No leakage was found; Parks & Rec – closed the parks and cemeteries – shut off water, portable toilets removed, trash picked up, and gates locked; ROH – picked up the lift – changed lights and took back 2x during the month, Steve and Mike helped Randy put chairs out for a play; sent out the Sidewalk Snow Removal Bid – opened bid and awarded to Farley & Son Landscaping thru the until April 2016; put headgear on some trucks and started to get sanders working and into trucks, put some plows in garage; swept Keller Dr. of debris and readied spot for paving; cleaned up a large spot in the PW parking area and had it paved; cut brush on many of the town streets and roads; cleaned up a large dead tree on Alexander; sharpened chain saws several times during the month; cleaned a ditch on Mill St.; seeded and hayed ditched areas; marked catch basins & fire hydrants; Beal St. storm water problem addressed; checked driveway entrance on Hawthorne Dr.; MCSWC – put cable on container truck; cold patched; loaned Vac-All to Camden for leaf pickup; did road patrol before rain storms; met with Marriner's Paving to look at roads that we propose to pave next summer for estimate; cleaned storage shed and made ready for winter; hauled extra trash for Jason to dump; prepared for upcoming roads and budget workshop; got a preliminary quote for a Fire Dept. pickup for Jason and a PW pickup for next budget; cleaned storm drains and shoulders in the village area to get ready for winter. Man hours available were 1,268 and accounted for, approximately, 1,190 hours.

# ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

## OCTOBER, 2014

### OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	03
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	09	06
203/ D. Smith	27	19
204/ R. Shaw	11	11
205/C. Plaisted	08	07
206/ Vacant		
211/ C. Cooley	10	10

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VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	7,815	517.8	15.1

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Nature of Incident	Total Incidents
911 Hangup	7
Abandoned Vehicle	2
Administrative	12
Agency Assistance	15
Alarm	21
Alcohol Offense	2
Animal Problem	1
Animal Welfare	1
Assault	3
Non-sufficient Funds Check	4
Bail Check	4
Violation of Bail Conditions	3
Car/Deer 10-55	5
Citizen Assist	5
Communications Problem	4
Criminal Mischief	2
Custodial Interference	1
Disabled Vehicle	3
Disorderly Conduct	3
Domestic	5
Drug Take Back	1
Controlled Substance Problem	5
Traffic - Erratic Oper Vehicle	17
Found Property	1
Fraud	1
Harassment	1
Information Report	15
Juvenile Problem	2
Mental Health Issue	7
Missing Person	1
Nuisance	2
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	5
Overdose	1
Paperwork Servd For Othr Agenc	6
Parking Problem	2
Traffic Accident w/ Damage	14
Pedestrian Check	3
Violation of Protect Frm Abuse	1
Traffic Accident, w/ Injuries	3
Property Check	54
Radar Detail	26
Recovered Stolen Property	1
Runaway Juvenile	1
School Visit	6
Sex Offense	2
Report of shots fired	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Suspicious Vehicle	8
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	7
Theft	8
Traffic Detail	1
Traffic Hazard	3
Traffic Violation	44
Traffic Stop	5
Trespassing	1
Underage Drinking	1
Utility Problem	6
Vehicle off roadway no damage	1
Vehicle Maintenance	6
Vehicle Search	6
Wanted Person	3
Well-Being Chck	56

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Total Incidents for This Report: 439  
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Report includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 10/01/14` and `23:59:59 10/31/14`  
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	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	4
01:00-01:59	0	3	1	1	1	3	4	13
02:00-02:59	4	1	1	3	3	2	3	17
03:00-03:59	5	5	4	3	2	2	2	23
04:00-04:59	2	1	4	2	1	2	3	15
05:00-05:59	0	1	0	2	1	1	0	5
06:00-06:59	2	0	1	1	1	0	1	6
07:00-07:59	1	2	2	5	3	0	1	14
08:00-08:59	1	2	3	2	6	2	0	16
09:00-09:59	1	1	2	3	3	0	0	10
10:00-10:59	2	3	2	3	3	2	2	17
11:00-11:59	1	2	3	4	5	2	2	19
12:00-12:59	4	2	3	2	2	3	0	16
13:00-13:59	3	2	6	3	3	1	2	20
14:00-14:59	7	1	9	14	5	3	3	42
15:00-15:59	2	0	5	1	8	2	2	20
16:00-16:59	3	0	4	2	4	1	2	16
17:00-17:59	2	4	1	5	5	3	0	20
18:00-18:59	3	2	7	8	4	3	1	28
19:00-19:59	5	3	6	5	5	10	2	36
20:00-20:59	0	5	1	8	8	3	4	29
21:00-21:59	5	1	1	6	5	3	1	22
22:00-22:59	2	1	4	1	2	3	0	13
23:00-23:59	0	3	1	3	1	6	4	18
Total by Day	56	45	72	88	82	57	39	439

Report Includes:

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All offenses observed  
All offenses reported  
All offense codes  
All nature of incidents  
All location codes

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**Harbormaster Report  
October 2014**

**October was a great month weather wise. Many boaters took advantage of the nice weather as can be seen by the inordinate number of boats still in the harbor.**

- **Continued to work on the lighting project. Public Works finished the digging and burying of the conduit and placing of light bases. All of the poles and fixtures themselves are in place and the floats have 4 new marine pedestals installed and wired. New lights for the flag pole were put in place and an event panel with hook ups for vendors was installed by Andre. The Main power box was installed and will be wired into the primary power in November.**
- **When digging the trench for the conduit along the parking lot the sand that went into the trench began to filter out the sea wall at high tide, leaving several large holes. This required the trench to be re-dug and cement to be filled in around the conduit and under where the pavement was patched. The trench was re-paved and is now stronger.**
- **I received a call from a fisherman during a strong southerly blow saying that a boat was taking on water and was sinking in the outer harbor. I grabbed a pump and headed out to find the boat had completely sunk on the mooring. I spoke to the fisherman who made the initial call and he said it went down fast. The boat, a 30' Bayliner was recently bought at the YMCA auction had been recently gone over by a mechanic according to the owner. I notified the Coast Guard and the D.E.P. and put them in touch with the owner. A diver was sent down to plug up the gas vents and mark where the boat was located. It went down in 65' of water so certainly is not a hazard to navigation. The owner is in touch with the Coast Guard regarding the salvage timeline.**
- **The recreational floats are usually taken out by the end of October but they will be left in until November because of the wiring of the power pedestals. We will not be able to energize them until next spring but they will be all wired and ready to go.**
- **Took in all of the tie-offs and hardware off the floats and stored them for the winter.**
- **Had the tile floor in the bathrooms professionally cleaned, stripped and sealed. They will be much easier to keep clean.**
- **Have been attending planning meetings for this years Holiday on the Harbor event on December 13<sup>th</sup>.**

<b>HARBOR REVENUES</b>	<b>October 2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
Boat Excise	\$57.60	\$38.00
Boat Rack	-	-
Schooner Berthing	-	\$2418.75
Moorings	\$252.00	-
Dockage	\$222.00	\$166.00

<u>Parking</u>	<u>\$50.00</u>	<u>\$27.00</u>
<u>Showers</u>	<u>\$38.00</u>	<u>\$29.25</u>
<u>Merchandise</u>	<u>\$87.50</u>	<u>\$105.00</u>
<u>Launching</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$54.85</u>
<u>Winter Boat Storage</u>	<u>\$2144.00</u>	<u>\$948.00</u>

# **Rockport Fire Department**

## **October 2014**

11/17/2014

Another month we above average calls and the tenth structure fire Rockport Fire has been a part of. There were a variety of calls throughout the month from alarms, to CO issues, car accidents with injuries to lift assist for Northeast. October every year bring Nation Fire Prevention week and visits to all the schools and daycares in the community.

Fire Prevention Week started at the Rockport Elementary School with a visit to the playground and Engine 21. Kids in grades 1-3 had the chance to climb into the driver's seat and get their picture taken. A walk around of the truck and all the compartments and contents brought hundreds of questions but also a lot of big smiles seeing all the equipment we carry. The rest of the week brought in additional visit to CRES 4 visits to the Pen Bay YMCA, 1 to Little Learners, 1 MCR Daycare and 1 to Creative Learning Center at Pen Bay Medical Center.

Since December 25<sup>th</sup> Last Year Rockport Fire has assisted with knocking down 10 different structure fires from Camden, Union, Rockland to our own town. October 23<sup>rd</sup> was a very windy and stormy day and at 11:03 we received a call of a fully involved structure fire on Wellington Dr. After two separate investigations it's been indicated the fore was most likely started by a lighten strike that hit an old underground dog fence and traveled back to the garage where the fire started. Another great example of how fire alarms can help save you and your home.

Engine 24 was relocated over to the West Rockport Stations new bay on the RT 17/Rockland St side. This now allows us to have 1,750 water on standby at all times in West Rockport to assist with any fire calls. The extra room at the Rockport station allows more room for extra training, inspections and organizing.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Peasley