

**TOWN OF ROCKPORT
DEPARTMENT REPORTS
September - 2015**

General Government

James Francomano,
Planning & Community Development Director - No Report Received
Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk
Virginia Lindsey, Finance Director
Kerry Leichtman, Assessor

Culture and Recreation

Susan Dates, Rental Agent, Rockport Opera House – No Report Received
Benjamin Blackmon, Interim Library Director

Public Safety

Michael Young, Public Works Director – No Report Received
Mark Kelley, Police Chief
Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster – No Report Received
Jason Peasley, Fire Chief & EMA Director

Virginia B. Lindsey
Rockport Finance Director
Monthly Report - September 2015

The finance department is responsible for the administrative and accounting work necessary to maintain the town's finances. Work involves maintaining the chart of accounts, preparing monthly financial reports, preparing payrolls (including all required state and federal payroll reports and taxes), preparing accounts payable warrants, reconciling bank statements, preparing insurance renewals, and submitting claims (auto, property and casualty, workers compensation claims), and a number of other bookkeeping requirements. Annually, the finance director assists the town manager in the preparation of the town's budget.

The report for the month of September 2015 includes the following:

- Interest earned on all deposit accounts was 0.85%.
- 99.86% of taxes have been paid for FY 14-15; \$18,804.19 remains to be paid.
- 10.89% of taxes have been paid for FY 15-16; \$11,843,926.42 remains outstanding in taxes receivable.

	Previous Month August 2015	Current Month September 2015	Difference	% Change	One Year Ago September 2014	Difference	% Change		
General Fund									
Budget-Current Month Expenses									
Payroll	116,398	86,505	(29,892)	-25.68%	79,033	7,472	9.45%		
General Fund Checking	1,234,957	982,518	(252,439)	-20.44%	1,133,327	(150,809)	-13.31%		
Total Expenses	1,351,355	1,069,023	(282,331)	-20.89%	1,212,360	(143,337)	-11.82%		
Budget-Current Month Revenues/Transfers									
Deposits Only	566,445	1,196,762	630,318	111.28%	1,173,861	22,901	1.95%		
NET	(784,910)	127,739	912,649	-116.27%	(38,499)	143,337	431.80%		
Cash on Hand Balance									
All GF Cash Accounts	1,509,184	2,016,437	507,253	33.61%	1,897,424	119,013	6.27%		
Taxes Paid (for the month)	97,898	1,154,007	1,056,110	1078.79%	1,760,042	(606,035)	-34.43%		
Total Taxes Paid-end of Month	13,096,521	1,447,138	(11,649,383)	-88.95%	1,889,035	(441,897)	-23.39%		
Investments-Bar Harbor Trust Services									
Public Assistance	260,931	253,872	(7,059)	-2.71%	271,451	(17,579)	-6.48%		
Cemeteries	353,781	344,210	(9,571)	-2.71%	343,028	1,182	0.34%		
Wastewater	245,120	238,449	(6,671)	-2.72%	0	238,449			
Total Investments	859,831	836,531	(23,301)	-2.71%	614,479	222,052	36.14%		
Investments-The First (Opened 11/27/13)									
Public Assistance	129,672	129,762	91	0.07%	128,573	1,189	0.92%		
Cemeteries	171,885	172,005	120	0.07%	162,515	9,490	5.84%		
Wastewater	116,459	116,541	81	0.07%	384,702	(268,161)			
Total Investments	301,556	301,767	211	0.07%	291,088	10,679	3.67%		
Combined Totals Investments	1,161,388	1,138,298	(23,090)	-1.99%	905,567	232,731	25.70%		
Wastewater									
Budget-Current Month Expenses									
Expenses	199,714	113,445	(86,269)	-43.20%	949,955	(836,510)	-88.06%		
Revenue	242,115	30,200	(211,915)	-87.53%	324,106	(293,906)	-90.68%		
NET	42,401	(83,245)	(125,646)	-296.33%	(625,849)	542,604	-86.70%		
Wastewater Cash on Hand Balance									
WW General Fund	293,558	210,313	(83,245)	-28.36%	889,843	(679,530)	-76.37%		
Total Cash	293,558	210,313	(83,245)	-28.36%	889,843	(679,530)	-76.37%		
WW Accounts Receivable									
30 Day	23,136	60 Day	11,636	90 Day	9,913	Over 120 Days	11,530	Advance Payments	(5,105)
TOTAL WW Accounts Receivable September 2015						51,111	4.84%		
Accounts Receivable September 2014						48,750			

**TOWN CLERK
MONTHLY REPORT
SEPTEMBER 2015**

- We issued 2 (1) Hunting License, 2 (0) Archery, 1 (1) Expanded Archery Anterlered License, 2 (4) Expanded Anterless Archery Licenses, 2 (1) Migratory Waterfowl, 1 (0) Spring-Fall Turkey, 0 (1) Resident Bear and 2 (0) Salt Water Registry. The fees collected totaled \$190.50 (\$139.25).
- 4 (1) Boat Registrations and 5 (4) ATV Registrations and 1 (0) Milfoil Stickers (Preserve Maine Waters) were issued. Fees collected were \$474.63 (\$283.50) which included \$196.63 (\$126.50) sales tax.
- We issued 0 (5) dog licenses this month for \$0.00 (\$19.00). The new 2016 dog licenses will be available in mid-October.
- Processed 10 (10) transfers, 212 (233) passenger cars, 19 (17) commercial vehicles, 2 (6) trailers, 5 (2) motorcycles, 1 (0) moped, 2 (2) motor homes, 0 (2) Farm Truck, 3 (6) Antiques, 4 (4) Duplicate Stickers and 0 (1) duplicate registrations. Monies taken in for these transactions (excise tax) totaled \$76,138.03 (\$76,353.38). This is down .28% from last year.
- We collected \$6,590.25 (\$15,072.25) for mooring, tie-off, dinghy rack space, winter boat storage, etc., waiting lists fees and berthing fees and merchandise. We also collected \$169.90 (\$200.00) in boat excise tax.
- We processed \$1,398,858.76 (\$1,834,077.44) in real estate taxes this month. The due dates this year are October 15, 2015 and April 15, 2016. Tax payments are coming in on schedule.
- I attended a workshop with the Select Board and the Cemetery Committee. We basically discussed the future of the Sea View Cemetery. I also met at the Glen Cove Cemetery with a woman from out of state who was on vacation and was taking pictures of all of the stones at that cemetery. She will be entering all of the collected information on Find-A-Grave.
- I attended one Select Board meeting. Brenda & Shay attended one day at the Elections' Conference held in Bangor and I attended the second day at the same Conference. The election staff from the Secretary of State's Office does a great job providing us with this annual event. I also enjoyed a one week vacation.
- Received ballots for the CSD for the November 3rd election.

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

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

Tax Commitment: We began the month by committing values to taxes on September 1. The total taxable value of real estate for 2015 was \$936,825,895. That is down \$60,366,533 from last year's \$997,192,428. 2015 taxable Personal Property was \$22,868,500; which was up \$492,191 from last year's \$22,376,309. Our total taxable valuation of \$959,694,395 is down \$59,874,342 (6%) from last year's 1,019,568,737.

Our mil rate rose \$1.06 to \$14.05, from last year's \$12.99.

Revaluation: An widely inaccurate newspaper article published at the reval's conclusion created some difficulties, but other than that the revaluation process itself was a fairly smooth process. KRT Appraisal delivered a good product and useful result. The goal of a reval is to bring property values to near the center line of market value. To do this we recalibrate our cost tables to reflect the current time period, and use recent sales to adjust property values of all property types.

Tax bills were delivered September 12. Reaction has been no more intense than in non-reval years. Most people just want to understand the basis upon which their property's value was derived.

Rockport Public Library

SEPTEMBER 2015

September is always a busy month for the library as we prepare our Fall Newsletter and get ready for the Seafaring Series, which takes place in October. We have a great line-up for the Seafaring Series this year, from a talk by the US Coast Guard, to a little bit of local history looking at the journey of the Spite House. All the information about the Seafaring Series and more can be found in our Fall Newsletter which is out now.



We had two great events for adults this month. The first was the nature photography and writing team of Thomas & Lee Ann Szelog. The stories were wonderful and the photographs were amazing to see. We also had an encore presentation by Wendy Thompson about the college admissions process. As always Wendy was an engaging speaker. We are in talks to make her presentation a yearly event. Both events were well attended.

On September 18th, Ben Odgren went to the Camden-Rockport High School to register students for cards and let them check out books from the Rockport Public Library. This is the first time Ben has done this - he signed up a teacher and a student for library cards and the (very excited) student checked out a book! This is the start of once a month trips to the high school expressly for students to check out books. Iris and Ben are planning more partnerships between the high school and the Rockport Public Library in the future.

Visits to the library stayed high in September, and many people made use of their own devices and our free Wi-Fi access. The library had 4221 visitors this month. 393 people attended library programs. We brought in 116 new items (books, audio, movies, and music) to the library in September.

In preparation for the upcoming move to the building at 485 Commercial St we are cleaning and organizing like crazy. There are many projects to get done but we are confident in our ability to finish them all. Most of the library's shelving is built into the walls and can't travel with us to our new temporary home. We have reached out to the state wide library community and hopefully will be able to get some shelving donated to our cause. We have filed paperwork to be a donee with the State of Maine's State Agency for Federal Surplus Property. Unfortunately, the Maine Substance Abuse Library is closing its doors due to funding cuts. The shelving from this closure could be available as surplus property. It is my hope that we could get it for the cost of picking it up.

STATISTICS:

Circulation	Sept 15	Sept 14	
Adults	3181	3179	+2
Young Adults	262	308	-48
Children	1145	1432	-287
Total	4588	4919	-331

TOTAL CIRCULATION ALSO INCLUDES 20 HONOR SYSTEM BOOKS (AND PUZZLES)

Attendance	Sept 15	Sept 14	
Adults	3929	2262	+1661
Young Adults	74	62	+12
Children	218	204	+14
Total	4221	2528	+1693

Interlibrary Loan	Sept 15	Sept 14	
Incoming	584	584	0
Outgoing	624	519	+105

Incoming represents the number of books borrowed by our card holders.

ebooks	Sept 15	Sept 14	
Ebooks/Audio	220	171	+49

COMPUTER	Sept 15	Sept 14	
Usage	647	361	+286

*of the 647 units of computer use, 172 were identified as people using their own devices with the library WI-FI. This information is manually tracked.

	Sept 15	Sept 14	
Reference	407	560	-153

PROGRAMS, SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Programs	Programs	Participants	Tech Tutor
Adults	25	170	
Young Adults	0	3	
Children	15	Children 218 Adults 50	1
Total	40	441	442

TECH TUTOR SESSIONS ARE INDIVIDUALIZED SESSIONS OF AT LEAST 15 MINUTES.

Activities, services, and programs:

442 people attended library programs or benefitted from outreach programs in September!

- College Admission Talk
- Wild by Nature, a nature slide show
- Rockport Gambit Chess Club
- Monthly Writers Group
- Twice monthly Fiber Arts Group
- Monthly book group with Jenni Ruddy

- Twice-weekly French Conversation Group
- Tuesday weekly story time for babies and toddlers
- Weekly Community Outreach Programs-Ben Odgren and Kim Slocomb
 - Coastal Opportunities
 - Pen Bay Child Care
 - YMCA Child Care
 - Little Learners Day Care
 - Mid Coast Recreation child care
- Drop-in Mah-Jongg group on Wednesday evenings and Saturdays
- BookLovers' Café
- Twice-monthly Poet's Corner with local poets George Chappell and Jim Ostheimer

All activities are located on the library's website <http://www.rockport.lib.me.us/> where you can find our **Upcoming Events Calendar**.

DESK INCOME, GIFTS, GRANTS OR DONATIONS: \$ 16, 295.25

We received a large gift from private citizen to go to the new building fund.

VOLUNTEER CONTRIBUTIONS

Along with all the countless volunteer hours for the annual book sale, our in house volunteers gave 40 hours or \$500 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.

10/05/2015 Completed by Ben Blackmon, Interim Library Director. Also find us on Facebook!

Rockport Fire Department September 2015

10/06/2015

Throughout the month of September I worked with the American Red Cross and their Smoke Detector campaign to help install and educate citizens of Rockport. A variety of thirteen fire calls kept the department business from car accidents to power lines down. Firefighters also completed a recertification for CPR/AED training during a month training session.

A total of 34 new smoke detectors have now been installed in 5 different homes in Rockport as part of the American Red Cross campaign to help educate and protect homes. Part of the process was for me to sit down with each home owner and discuss protecting their homes by checking their detectors monthly, keeping them clean, evacuation plans, and keep homes free of clutter for quick exit plans.

Several car accidents all with no injuries were handled during September as well as 5 false alarms, bark mulch fire, power lines down, suspicious package investigation with the camera at PBMC, and a propane tank that was on fire at a families BBQ. Calls have increased the last two months compared to June, July and August.

A full department pumps training took place at the highway garage where all firefighters had to set up their truck to supply water to two additional trucks down the road. This is an important training for all interior firefighters to learn all aspects of the fire grounds and how to properly supply water to the attack teams inside a burning structure.

Sincerely,

Chief Jason Peasley

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ROCKPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT

September, 2015

OFFICER PRODUCTIVITY REPORT:

OFFICER:	# of Arrests:	Warnings:
201 / Chief Kelley	0	0
202/ Sgt. T. Ford	06	09
203/Dana Smith	46	21
204/Robbi Shaw	10	11
205/ Cooper Plaisted	17	23
206/ James Moore	05	08
211/ C. Cooley	13	19 * 20 Hours Per Week Patrol

VEHICLE STATS:	Mileage:	Gals. of Gas.	M.P.G.
	8,255	578.4	14.272

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Rockport Police Department
Law Incident Analysis, Time Reported

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Hour	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Total
00:00-00:59	0	1	0	1	1	1	4	8
01:00-01:59	0	1	1	2	1	2	1	8
02:00-02:59	0	1	3	3	5	6	1	19
03:00-03:59	3	6	5	4	2	0	4	24
04:00-04:59	5	3	1	1	1	2	5	18
05:00-05:59	5	3	1	0	0	2	0	11
06:00-06:59	0	1	0	0	0	1	3	5
07:00-07:59	1	5	6	3	4	1	0	20
08:00-08:59	4	4	4	4	4	4	0	24
09:00-09:59	4	6	3	5	2	2	1	23
10:00-10:59	4	5	4	2	2	1	3	21
11:00-11:59	5	5	4	2	2	2	2	22
12:00-12:59	2	3	1	3	2	2	4	17
13:00-13:59	4	6	7	1	5	0	3	26
14:00-14:59	5	10	11	10	7	0	5	48
15:00-15:59	7	2	4	3	7	2	4	29
16:00-16:59	3	4	9	4	3	4	5	32
17:00-17:59	5	4	7	3	7	4	1	31
18:00-18:59	2	5	4	5	3	5	5	29
19:00-19:59	3	3	5	0	1	7	4	23
20:00-20:59	3	2	2	3	4	3	1	18
21:00-21:59	5	3	6	4	4	2	2	26
22:00-22:59	4	3	2	1	3	6	0	19
23:00-23:59	1	1	1	0	3	1	1	8
Total by Day	75	87	91	64	73	60	59	509

Report Includes:

All dates between `00:00:01 09/01/15` and `23:59:50 09/30/15`

All agencies matching `0704`

All offenses observed

All offenses reported

All offense codes

All nature of incidents

All location codes

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