2019 Annual Report
Town of Rockport, Maine

2017-2018 Fiscal Year Financial Reports
June 2019 Annual Town Meeting
Warrant and Budget

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Maynard was born in the Tolman Family Homestead in Rockport on the western end of Tolman Pond in 1933, and has lived his whole life here since, except three years in the military from 1952 through 1955. He was educated in the Rockport schools and the University of Maine.

He went to work for his father part time in 1947 and took over the family general contractor business in 1966. He retired when he was eighty years old, after the death of his son; after 67 years in the business it became more than he could keep up with daily.

Maynard served three years each on the Rockport Select Board, the SAD 28 Board of Directors, and the Camden Hospital Board of Directors, finishing that stint on the Penobscot Bay Medical Center Board when the Camden and Rockland hospitals merged. He was a member of the Vestry at St. Thomas Episcopal Church for approximately ten years.

Maynard’s other community service included over 30 years on the Rockport Building Committee, many years on the Budget Committee, three times on a Search Committee for town manager—all of which were very successful—Search Committee for chiefs of police (also successful). Most recently he served on the current Town Manager Search Committee.

He was one of three people responsible for the Rockport Marine Park, a member of a committee that managed to keep the sewer treatment plant off the waterfront by the Rockport Boat Club, a member of the committee that helped the towns of Rockport and Camden form our school district, and many other committees through the years. Also, Maynard and a couple of his friends designed, constructed and donated the first footbridge to cross Goose River after many years with no bridge.

Maynard has children living here in town, three of whom own their own businesses; grandchildren (some, if all goes well, soon to have their own businesses), and many great grandchildren. Maynard’s roots here go deep, and his branches spread wide.
H. DAVID HAYNES

H. David Haynes was born on March 27, 1936. He was raised in Sudbury, Massachusetts, a town that was settled by the Haynes family in 1639. His strong work ethic was formed by the years he spent working alongside his father on a traditional New England farm.

On March 27, 1954 he married his high school sweetheart R. Jean Murray, and they made their first home in Maynard, Mass.

Dave worked a variety of jobs and eventually earned a degree in mechanical drafting from Wentworth Polytechnic Institute in Boston. After earning his degree, Dave was employed as a draftsman with General Radio Corporation in Bolton and Concord, Mass.

In 1977, with his wife and four children, Dave moved to Rockport, Maine. He became owner of Seacoast Security in Rockport and was recognized as a knowledgeable leader in the security/monitoring business. He led his company in the acquisition of other like businesses; Seacoast now includes eight offices and over 100 employees. Dave also owned the Rockport Corner Shop, a local favorite breakfast and lunch spot, for five years.

An avid golf enthusiast, he was a member of both the Goose River Golf Club and the Samoset Golf Club. He was a long-time member of the Camden Rotary Club.

When he retired in 2012, he and Jean spent winters in Port Orange, Florida, at the Spruce Creek Fly-In, where he enjoyed the friendship of the community residents and was a member of the Spruce Creek Country Club.

Dave especially loved his time at the family camp on Lake Saint George in Liberty, Maine. This was a favorite family gathering spot, and he was often seen fishing, boating or relaxing on the deck in his favorite captain’s chair.

Always smiling, Dave was known for his quick wit and funny jokes. With Dave’s passing on November 17, 2017, Rockport lost a valued community member who loved his adopted hometown.

Dave left behind his wife of 63 years, Jean; his 4 children; 12 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He will forever be held dearly in our hearts and will never be forgotten.
GENERAL INFORMATION

Main number: (207)236-9648

The Rockport Town Office is open Monday – Friday, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
www.town.rockport.me.us

Assessing.................................................................................................................. 236-6758
Fax Number for all Administration................................................................. 230-0112
Finance...................................................................................................................... 230-0180
Fire Department (Non-Emergency)................................................................. 236-4437
Fire Department – Fax ...................................................................................... 236-4141
General Assistance – Monday–Friday: 8 AM–4:30 PM (by appointment only) 236-0806
General Assistance – After Hours Emergency................................................. 594-5656
Department of Health and Human Services...................................................... 1-800-442-6003
Harbormaster’s Office......................................................................................... 236-0676
Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation – Tuesday–Saturday: 8 AM–4 PM........... 236-7958
Opera House........................................................................................................ 542-3555
Planning and Community Development....................................................... 236-0989
Police Department (Non-Emergency).............................................................. 236-2026
Police Department – Fax.................................................................................... 236-4141
Public Library (Phone/Fax) – Monday–Saturday: 9 AM–5:30 PM, Wednesday: 11 AM–8 PM................................................................. 236-3642
Public Works Department – Monday–Friday: 7 AM–3:30 PM.......................... 236-6245
Public Works – Fax............................................................................................. 236-2653
Town Manager – Manager’s Office................................................................. 236-0806
Town Office – Clerk’s Office............................................................................... 236-9648

HOLIDAYS - Town Offices Will Be Closed on the Following Dates:

Wednesday, July 4, 2019 .............................................................. Independence Day
Monday, September 2, 2019 .............................................................. Labor Day
Monday, October 14, 2019 ......................................................... Columbus Day
Monday, November 11, 2019* ................................................ Veterans’ Day
Thursday, November 28, 2019 ........................................................... Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 29, 2019 ............................................................. Thanksgiving Friday
Tuesday, December 25, 2019 .......................................................... Christmas Day
Monday, January 1, 2019 ................................................................. New Year’s Day
Monday, January 21, 2019 ............................................................... Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 18, 2019 ............................................................... Presidents’ Day
Monday, April 15, 2019 ................................................................. Patriots’ Day
Monday, May 27, 2019 ................................................................. Memorial Day

*Observance
**WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A CAR:**

RE-REGISTRATION: Previous registration, current insurance card and mileage
NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, blue title application form, current insurance card and mileage. It is MANDATORY to have the monrony label or window sticker on a brand-new vehicle. This became law on September 19, 1997. NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale and titles on vehicles 1995 or newer.
NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

**WHAT TO BRING WHEN REGISTERING A SNOWMOBILE/ATV/BOAT:**

RE-REGISTRATION: Old registration
NEW REGISTRATION (Dealer Sale): Documentation (Proof) sales tax paid, ME-assigned registration number on used recreation vehicles.
NEW REGISTRATION (Private Sale): Bill of sale, ME-assigned registration numbers and serial numbers, horsepower & length for boats.
NEW REGISTRATION (Transfer): Same as above PLUS registration of the vehicle the plates are being transferred from.

**WHAT TO BRING WHEN LICENSING A DOG:**

Current rabies certificate and neutering/spay certificate (furnished to you by your vet).

**WHAT TO BRING/SEND WHEN PAYING TAXES:**

Please enclose or bring your payment stub from tax bill.

**DATES TO REMEMBER:**

Property Taxes are Due: Monday, October 14, 2019 and Tuesday, April 16, 2019
Mooring Fees/Tie-Off Fees Due: May 1st (except if falls on a week day or holiday)
Snowmobile Registrations Expire: June 30
Boat Registrations Expire: December 31
ATV Registrations Expire: June 30
Dog Licenses are Due: December 31- Late fee of $25.00 as of February 1st.

Select Board Meetings: 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month
Planning Board Meetings: 4th Wednesday of each month if necessary
Zoning Board of Appeals Meetings: 2nd Wednesday of each month if necessary
Maine State government has established three exemption programs whose collective goal is to provide property tax relief.

One of the easiest ways to spell tax relief is HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION. Many more people are entitled to the Homestead Exemption than apply for it. So, let me run it down for you.

First of all, many people perceive the Homestead Exemption as being charity that they don’t need or want, preferring to leave it for those in less fortunate circumstances. While that is a generous perspective, it isn’t accurate.

The Homestead Exemption wasn’t created as a charity; its purpose was, and remains, property tax relief. There are eligibility requirements but none of them are about financial capability.

To receive a Homestead Exemption your residential property must be your permanent residence. According to state law: “‘Permanent residence’ means that place where an individual has a true, fixed and permanent home and principal establishment to which the individual, whenever absent, has the intention of returning. An individual may have only one permanent residence at a time and, once a permanent residence is established, that residence is presumed to continue until circumstances indicate otherwise.” You apply for the exemption once and as long as the property remains your permanent residence the exemption stays in place.

The exemption lowers the taxable value of your property by $20,000; that’s a reduction from its taxable value, not the property’s actual value. At our current mil rate of $16.08, the Homestead Exemption reduced each participant’s tax bill by $321.60 this year.
The second most common exemption is the Veteran Exemption. You must be a Rockport resident, have served during a recognized war period and be at least 62 years old. The exemption is available to veterans younger than 62 if they became 100% disabled while serving.

Again, this is property tax relief, not charity. Most Veteran Exemptions reduce a property’s taxable value by $6,000. 100% disabled veterans receive a $50,000 reduction on their property’s taxable value.

A third exemption is one that most people are not familiar with; it is the Blind Exemption. A person who is legally blind may receive an exemption of $4,000 from the value of their property.

For all three exemptions, the property must be owned by the person(s) applying. If the property is in a trust it must be a revocable trust benefitting the property owner/applicant.

Applications for all three exemptions are available at the Assessing Department section of the town’s website.

Any questions? Give us a call, send us an email, or drop by. We’re happy to help.
The Past Year

Last year we submitted our 2018 annual budget to see if it would meet the criteria of the GFOA’s Distinguished Budget Award, and we received the award. I am very pleased to say that we have received it again for our 2019 annual budget. In order to receive this award, the budget must meet GFOA program criteria, which requires it to work as a policy document for the town, operations guide for the fiscal year, financial plan for the future and communication device for decision makers. It must do this while providing complete transparency and keeping residents informed. This certification is good for one year.

I have made many adjustments to the prior year’s budget and added new material. We still have some adjustments that need to be made to make the annual budget more of a planning tool and I hope to accomplish these improvements this year. I encourage you to take the time to review it on the town’s website, under Town Departments, Finance. If you have any suggestions or information that you would like to see included in the budget, please feel free to reach out to me.

This year we also continued our work on the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). I expect to do some more work on this as the budget process continues, as we need to work on a way to get the CIP to tie into the budget better and provide more information to the taxpayers of Rockport. My plan is to have this completed by the end of the fiscal year. The Capital Improvement Committee will begin their work with the CIP in May and be done by October so that we can have a comprehensive document ready for budget time in December. The CIP will forever be considered a working document as there will need to be cost adjustments made and new items added annually. If you see items across town that you feel should be part of the CIP, please reach out to me or an appropriate department head to ensure that it gets added.

Last year I spoke about developing a tool to use as a cash flow monitoring device. I created a cash flow analysis document, which we have been using as a very beneficial tool through the budget process. This allows us to see where weak points are in the year and better plan for them in future.
The cash flow analysis also helps us when we are talking about what an appropriate Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) is for the town. The Town Charter currently states that we must maintain 12% of our annual budget in the UFB, but 12%, which once was adequate, is no longer sufficient as our obligations continue to rise. While our current UFB is roughly 60 days’ worth of our expenditures, this is not quite enough to allow the town to meet all its obligations in our “cash crunch” months. The town auditor made the recommendation of 75 to 90 days’ worth of expenses, which is a more reasonable number. To put this in perspective, our monthly expenditures are anywhere from $1.4 million to $2.4 million, with the majority of our revenue collected in the months of September, October, March and April. This means that during the months of August, January and February we do not receive quite enough cash on hand to meet all expenses. While we can move some commitments around, like the school payments of just over one million dollars a month, it would be better if the town were financially able to make these payments on their designated due dates. We are working towards this goal, but it is a slow process.

Also, this past year Select Board Member Debra Hall and I wrote, with the help of the town auditor and department heads, the *Internal Control Policy and Procedure Manual*, which the Select Board approved. This document is meant to help streamline some of our processes and put safeguards in place to ensure that town assets are accounted for and used properly. The *Manual* will be a living document and we will submit updates as needed.

**Looking Forward**
This coming year I have some big goals in mind. The first is to participate in the Financial Reporting Program that GFOA offers. This program is to help municipal governments go beyond the minimum requirements of generally accepted accounting principles to prepare comprehensive annual financial reports in the spirit of transparency and full disclosure. This will be a multi-year process, but I hope to lay all the groundwork this coming year. I believe that it is important for government finance to be as transparent as possible, and I would like to move us further in this direction.

As stated earlier one of the areas in the budget we need to work on is financial planning and coming up with a five-year, maybe even a ten-year financial plan for the town. To do this I will work closely with the town manager and the Select Board to develop something that we can use as a tool going into the new budget cycle. This will help the Select Board make some of those tough policy decisions prior to entering the budget year, as well as help the taxpayers of Rockport see what the future may hold.

**Finance Office Staff**
Last year we welcomed Molli Bennett to the town office as my assistant. She has turned out to be a wonderful asset to the town, and she has far surpassed any expectations I had for her. Her willingness to learn and take on new tasks will make it possible for me to focus on larger picture items, such as the financial planning and reporting.

**The Finances**
The cash requirements for the operations of the town for the year ending June 30, 2018 exceeded $17.3 million, not including money that was spent as part of the Infrastructure Bond. The town did
not borrow any tax anticipation notes during the year; the diminished need to borrow in anticipation of taxes is largely due to keeping a healthy Unassigned Fund Balance.

On the financial condition of the town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, I can report the following:

The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as of June 30, 2018 was $2,643,885, which was an increase of $6,884 from the previous year. The increase was a result of a combination of factors: higher than anticipated revenues and an increase in expenditures, as well as use of funds from other sources.

Rockport is currently a partner in an interlocal agreement with the Towns of Camden, Lincolnville and Hope in operating the Mid-Coast Solid Waste recycling facility. Operating costs are shared by the municipalities involved, based on a formula of average valuation and population. The fiscal year assessment for the Town of Rockport was $155,651 which was a decrease of 2.1% from the previous year. The assessment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2019 is $156,841, which represents a decrease of 2.1%.

The Town of Rockport’s assessment for MSAD 28 for 2018 was $5,441,398, reflecting a 2.6% increase. The assessment for the Five Town CSD was $3,691,231, which was a 4.6% increase. For the fiscal year end 2020, we are expecting that the Rockport share will be increased due to the vote on the MET Building Bond.

The assessment for Knox County taxes was $968,701 which is a 4.4% decrease for fiscal year end 2018. Dispatch fees were an additional $29,816 (a 1.9% increase) and county E-911 fees were an additional $60,514 (an increase of 1.9%). Overall county fees saw a decrease of 3.9% in fiscal year end 2018.

Rockport shares in the cost of Camden’s Treatment Plant and Rawson Avenue Pump Station by contributing annually to its share of Camden’s debt. A new sewer bond was procured in November of 2014 for the sewer expansion project along the northern section of U.S. Route 1. The principal of the bond is $539,000, which carries an interest rate of 0.45% for 20 years. The final bond payment will be due on November 1, 2033.

For more detailed information of the town’s financial condition, to review the audit report, quarterly reports to the Select Board and the proposed budget for fiscal year ending 2020 please visit the town’s website at [http://town.rockport.me.us](http://town.rockport.me.us), click on Departments, then Finance Department.

In closing, I would like to thank the Select Board and town manager for the opportunity to continue my career with the town. I would also like to thank department heads and employees for their continued support.
The General Assistance (GA) program provides immediate help to eligible people who do not have enough money for basic needs, such as rent/mortgage, food, heating fuel, medications, nonelective medical care and other items that are essential to maintain themselves or their families. In order to receive GA, people must follow the program rules and meet the eligibility conditions.

General Assistance is a program of last resort, meaning people should have exhausted all other programs before they are assisted by the town. We are reimbursed by the State of Maine 70 percent for all costs associated with necessity expenditures. We are not reimbursed for our administrative costs.

The Select Board adopted a General Assistance Ordinance in 1993 establishing this program for the Town of Rockport. The ordinance was last amended October 10, 2013.

It is important that the general assistance administrator is properly trained and understands the complexity of the General Assistance Laws and Ordinances. Properly administering the program keeps the Town of Rockport in compliance with the Department of Health and Human Services when our annual audit is performed. We attend trainings to keep abreast of law changes and to learn from many experienced administrators across the state how to assist citizens in the best possible way.

We received some very generous monetary donations from citizens this year, which is in the true nature of giving.

Office hours are by appointment only, at the Town Office located at 101 Main Street, and may be scheduled by calling 236-0806. In an after-hours emergency, or on weekends, please call the Knox County Sheriff’s Department at 594-5656. To report alleged violation’s call the Maine Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-442-6003.
Permit Data

The bulk of the permits and approvals issued by this Department are building permits and other related permits issued by a code enforcement officer alone without Planning Board or ZBA approval.

That number increased slightly in 2018 as compared to the previous year (from 226 to 228) but is lower than average, as shown on the table below. Changes in other permit data over the same year were consistent.

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* Subsurface Wastewater Disposal

Staff News

Bill Najpauer returned to the Town Office in 2018 to work part-time as the director of planning and economic development. Currently the executive director of the Mid-Coast Economic Development District (MCEDD), Bill brings with him a great deal of experience in planning, economic development and grant writing. We are thrilled to have him back at the town.
Community and Economic Development

We continue to staff numerous volunteer boards and committees. These groups are the main pillars of community development work in any Maine town and it is an honor to serve them. The Camden/Rockport Pathways Committee, Conservation Commission, Harbor Committee, Ordinance Review Committee, Planning Board, and of course the Select Board are among those that required support from this department in the past year.

On the community and economic development front, two grants were received this year. The first was a Northern Border Grant for $250,000 to help fund the sewer expansion on Route 1. The second grant was from the Maine Community Foundation for $8,000 to research the feasibility of broadband within the town.

We have applied for the 2019 Project Canopy Tree Planting Grant that would help to support our Rockport Streetscape Tree Planting Project. If received, the money from this grant will help to plant around 25 trees for businesses in the R.O.W. on our major corridors (Routes 1, 17 and 90) with the goal of beautification, noise reduction, and support of the local environment. Grant applications for a Shore and Harbor Grant for $24,000 and a Department of Commerce Economic Development Administration (EDA) Grant for $2,000,000 are in process. The Shore and Harbor Grant would fund engineering plans to address deficiencies at the harbor and the EDA grant would support the sewer expansion.

Planning Projects in Progress

We are currently working on updating the Comprehensive Plan, which we hope to have ready for the June ballot in 2020.

The Rockport Elementary School site on West Street has been brought back into question. The Planning Office is currently working with the Select Board to host several community workshops to obtain public ideas and suggestions for future use of the site.

Community Involvement

Would you like to be more involved in the work of the Planning and Community Development Department?

Please do not hesitate to get in touch to share your suggestions, questions and if possible, any time you might have available to join one of our volunteer boards and committees.
To the citizens of Rockport,
It has been a busy year for your Select Board. Two new members joined the board following the elections in June of 2018, and the board got right to work.

While the new library occupied a great deal of the board’s time this year, there were accomplishments in other areas as well. A new Internal Control Policy was adopted after a great deal of work. This policy standardizes the inner workings of the town office, particularly with respect to how the Town handles the funds that you, the taxpayers, entrust to us. While we have not had to deal with any financial malfeasance at all, tightening up our policies in this regard is best done when the town is functioning well, and significantly reduces the chances of any issues in the future. Many thanks to our Finance Director, Megan Brackett for her hard work on this policy, and to Linda Greenlaw, our Town Clerk who had many valuable suggestions.

The board held a non-resident taxpayers’ workshop during the summer of 2018 which was well attended. Property owners who are not full-time residents contribute a significant portion of our property tax revenues, but by state law are not eligible to vote at town meeting. However, the board recognizes that these residents are a very important part of our Town, not just because of the revenue they contribute, but because many participate in town events while they are here and have for many years. The board hopes to hold more of these workshops in coming years to give these folks a better forum to participate in town government.

Holiday on the Harbor in December was a great event once again, bringing the town together for a celebration during the shortest days (and longest nights!) of the year. Many thanks to the Town staff and other volunteers in the community who make this happen.

We remain grateful for the many volunteer hours that citizens provide by serving on our town committees, both the advisory committees to the Select Board, and the quasi-judicial boards. In fact, the participation has increased to the point that the vacancies on these committees and boards are at an all-time low! But there are still opportunities to serve as alternate members, and we encourage folks to take the time to read the reports of these groups to get a better idea of the work that they do. Perhaps you will find a way that you would like to help our town.

On to the library! At this writing, the bid process has begun for our new Rockport Public Library. This is an exciting time for our Town, and it is the culmination of a long period of conversation, debate, and hard work. A couple of groups need to be singled out for special appreciation in this process.
First, our elected Library Committee. This group manages the library endowment and has been instrumental in stepping up at just the right times with leadership and financial support for getting the project going in its early phases. Second is the Rockport Library Foundation, a newly formed non-profit group that is raising money to help fund the new library. In fact, they will be responsible for more than half of the funds directed toward the project. This is a group of volunteers that have really gone above and beyond in their efforts, which has led to the fund-raising running near or ahead of schedule. When you see the members of these groups around Town, please express your thanks for all the work they do.

Our Town Manager Rick Bates will be retiring this June after six years at the helm of Rockport. We are fortunate that he has agreed to continue as a part time consultant for one more year to help with a couple of projects and to be a resource for the next town manager. The process of finding the next Town Manager is underway, and we are hopeful that the selection will be made by the time the annual town meeting takes place.

We also express our appreciation and thanks to the entire Town Staff for their friendliness and professionalism as they do their work. These folks work very hard on your behalf, and their efforts do not go unnoticed.

And finally, we sincerely thank you, the citizens of Rockport, for the confidence you have placed in us as your Select Board. It is an obligation that each one of us takes very seriously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth McKinley, Chair
Debra Hall, Vice-Chair
Douglas Cole
Mark Kelley
Jeffrey Hamilton
Once again, as your town clerk I would like to express my gratitude to my deputy town clerk, assistant town clerk, election clerks, fellow employees, town manager, Select Board, committees, family and residents for their continued support and assistance for another great year.

Some of the highlights this past year were:

- We are pleased to report that our residents can now renew their vehicle registrations online if they so choose.
- We collected $854,055.41 in excise tax and $14,587,116.55 in real estate taxes.
- Two thousand one hundred and twenty-six residents (1,319 in person and 807 absentee voters) voted in the November election, which represents 76% of our registered voters.
- The Library Bond was passed at this election.
- We issued a total of 124 hunting, fishing, archery and other licenses this year. We also issued a total of 739 dog licenses, which includes two service dogs, six hundred and sixty-two dogs that had been spayed or neutered, and seventy-five dogs that were not spayed or neutered.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.
We issued fifty-nine certified marriage certificates, fifteen marriage licenses, six hundred and eight certified birth certificates; we had fifteen new Rockport residents (nine males and six females), issued twelve hundred and ninety-nine certified death certificates, and we had thirty-five resident deaths (sixteen males and nineteen females).

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At 4:30 pm on Friday the 13th of April, the town was hit with a computer hack that wormed its way through our records. Something weird was first noticed by Kerry Leichtman and Diane Hamilton and seemed like the normal computer glitch. “I can’t get into my files.” It being the end of the day on a Friday we notified our IT superhero Gus Natalie of the problem by e-mail and closed for the long Patriot’s Day weekend. 7:15 pm that evening I am at a Pecha Kucha event at the Stand with my wife and get the call from Gus. “I need to get into the Town Office and have access to all the computers in the Town Office, Police and Fire Stations, immediately!” “Robin you are going to have to get a ride home.”

Technology has become an increasingly important part of our lives and the way we do business in the town. We can’t live without it anymore and as a community we are locked into ever-improving ways to provide better service, using technology.

Our new fire truck delivered in July is loaded with technology advances to allow our firefighters to be safer and better prepared, once they get to the fire. It is equipped with all-around cameras that record what is happening on all sides of the apparatus, so the person operating the truck and command can see all around the vehicle. The recordings can be used for training purposes. It is connected to the internet and can get online information and reports on the fly.

The newest SCBA units (breathing apparatus) can monitor if firefighters are in trouble in a burning building and allow rescuers to find them if needed.

Our police officers are all able to get and file reports from their cruisers and their cruisers record what is going on at every call they attend. Our assessor’s office relies on high quality digital photography that is used to develop the overlays of our tax maps for assessing purposes. Those maps are easily accessible to anyone who wants to see them online through the MapGeo app. Residents can now report concerns through the newly developed “Report It – Fix It” program.

The town clerk’s office now accepts online car registrations and will be doing dogs and trailers very soon. The finance office has been largely digital-based for many years and all the bookkeeping is done digitally.
These days fewer and fewer people are attending meetings. This not just a Rockport problem—it is a trend that is occurring around the country. That said, more and more people are “live streaming” Rockport meetings. Many of our meetings are getting more than 100 people viewing them. This far more people than ever attended in the past. The beauty of this is you can watch anywhere you have internet access, any time, on any device. In fact, we have taxpayers that watch from all over the country. Additionally, we are reaching out through Facebook to help keep people better informed; we currently have 1600 followers.

Libraries have always been at the cutting edge of what is new. And a lot of that has happened in the past five decades. Libraries were the first places you could get access to a fax machine, then those huge desktop computers, the internet, and e-books.

Libraries are changing, but change is nothing new for libraries. They have been doing it for over 50 years. What is different is the speed of the change. The days of a library being just a place to get a book are gone, and great libraries are evolving into places to gain access to information and stuff, all kinds of stuff. Some libraries lend musical instruments, skis and snow shoes. Our library lends telescopes and ukuleles (not to be confused with a musical instrument 🎸). Libraries are also becoming more important than ever as gathering places for people in this ever-increasing world of computer screens and social media.

Our library is the first library in Maine to have a virtual reality computer that is available to the public. We have also loaner computers, laptops and e-readers. Our library staff are well versed in all thing’s technology. But you know what? They still know books! All kinds of books. I believe that while technology and e-books are the rage, the time is coming where the beauty of a book, on paper, with no messages, flashing lights and sounds, will be an important safe haven for many people, and our new library will be able answer that need. Thank you to Ben Blackmon and the library staff for all the energy and creativity they bring to our library.

The library project has been a time-consuming issue for the past several years and last year was no different. At the November election voters approved a 1.5-million-dollar bond to be matched with a 2-million-dollar fundraising effort to build a new library on Limerock Street. The old library was demolished, a design to build a new library was completed, and bid documents were developed, sent out, and opened on April 18.

Unfortunately, all three bids came in 10–20 percent higher than anticipated and one bidder dropped out, leaving the town in a tough negotiating position. The Select Board decided to reject all the bids and, after a great deal of discussion, to negotiate a contract with Phi Builders + Architects at a guaranteed maximum price that falls within our budget. They had been our owner’s rep throughout the “design development” and “construction drawing” phases of the project, know the project better than anyone, and were comfortable making that offer. As of this writing we expect to see preliminary work starting in the next few weeks, with the library opening in the fall of 2020.

The town had several public works projects completed during the past year in addition to the regular work the Public Works Department does. Last year we began working with the school in getting our ball fields into better shape. Our Public Works guys are great workers and they know how to run the equipment, but they are NOT groundskeepers/landscapers. Working with the staff at the school we gain the expertise of a groundskeeper, so we are doing a much better job taking
care of the ball fields. In exchange, we help the school occasionally when they need a piece of equipment and skilled operator for a small project. They also repaired and rebuilt the backstop and infield at the RES ballfield, and much needed tennis court repairs were completed.

A new sidewalk was installed in front of the post office and the raised sidewalk at the end of Pascal was refaced. We put a new roof on the highway garage, adding 2” of foam insulation while we were at it.

In addition to the normal maintenance projects, we repaved several roads, did additional improvements to Mt. Pleasant Street, and re-ditched and replaced culverts on Glen Cove Drive and Hawthorn Drive. We also made a repair to the lime kiln in Harbor Park that was damaged when a tree hit it during a storm.

The 4-wheel-drive Oshkosh plow truck (a beast of a truck) was due to be replaced this year and the Public Works Department recommended getting it completely rebuilt rather than buying a new 4-wheel-drive truck. This was done at about half the cost of buying new, and we now have a great truck to plow all the difficult and steep terrain we have in Rockport.

We had three retirements of long-time PW employees starting with Sue Dates, followed by Steve Beveridge, and in December, Jamie Miller. They had a combined 60+ years of service to the town in that department.

The town replaced the “Maine Sport” pump station on Route 1. This was a planned replacement that went very smoothly. (See the Wastewater Department report.)

The TIF (Tax Increment Financing) amendment that was approved by the voters at the special town meeting was approved by the Maine Department of Economic and Community Development. This amendment allows us to use TIF funds for design and engineering and extension of the sewer extension on Route 1. It also adds additional time to the TIF itself as well as a few additional properties. This extension fills in the unserved area from Rockport Steel south to Pen Bay Medical Center. With some of the advanced planning we have done and the engineering and design, this will be accomplished towards the end of February. The bond request to begin construction is on the June ballot. We have received our first grant in the amount of $250,000 to help with the costs of the project. This project has been in the works since 2013 and will be paid for entirely by TIF proceeds and sewer user fees and will not have a negative impact on the mil rate.

We identified an I&I (inflow and infiltration) problem in the sewer system, which we estimate allowed approximately 18 million gallons of unmetered (and unbilled) water getting into our system. This is about 1/3 of our total flow and it is water that we pay to treat unnecessarily. Some of this water is described as infiltration—water getting in through sewer covers, static pressure around pipes and other normal places. However, a large portion is likely getting in through cellar drains, sump pumps, and perimeter drains around foundations that are connected to the system illegally. The town is beginning a survey of subject properties to ensure that we eliminate those connections over the summer of 2019.

We installed new docks at the harbor, increasing our capacity for dingy tie-offs. We also had two very successful harbor events “Sail into Summer” was a great way to start the summer season with a performance by the Jason Spooner Band as well as numerous other activities. We gave the Andre
the Seal statue a facelift last summer (done entirely with donations from all over the country) and it was unveiled at the Sail into Summer event. The other event was the annual Holiday on the Harbor, and it was a HUGE success. Many thanks to the volunteers that help to put this on every year: Harbor Master Abbie Leonard and Mike Young and the amazing highway crew for all the help pulling this off. Mike and his crew seem to have some part of a lot of things that go on in town. We are lucky to have such skilled people that are dedicated to making Rockport a better place.

A new ambulance contract was signed with North East Mobile Health Services. This contract is performance based rather than staffing and rig based, like previous contracts. The new contract requires that NEMHS respond to 97% of all Advanced Life Support Calls (ALS) with a paramedic-level response, within eight minutes. This is very different than the previous contract, which always required a certain number of ambulances to be in town and a certain number of paramedics to be on duty. Failure to meet the performance standard means a significant fine being assessed to NEMHS, and they have easily met the performance measure.

Our SHAPE (Safety Health Award for Public Employers) inspection process has been moving along very well. Now the Fire Department, Town Office, police station and library are all SHAPE compliant. The Opera House, harbor, and Public Works Department have had preliminary inspections and we expect to be totally SHAPE compliant in the next few months. There are only ten other towns statewide that are entirely SHAPE compliant. What this means to the town is, first and foremost, our employees are safer, which means reduced worker’s comp claims and rates, which saves you money. While this is an effort taken on by the Safety Committee and all employees, Diane Hamilton has been the key figure in getting this over the goal line for us. Thanks to Diane for all her work on this and with the Safety Committee.

We were again recognized with a Government Finance Officer’s “Distinguished Budget Award” for our annual budget, due to the hard work the Finance Department puts into changes of the budget format, making it better and better. As I have said previously, the work done in the finance office is not the fun, newsworthy stuff you see in the paper, unless it is done wrong, but it is the foundation for ALL of the great things that the town gets accomplished every year. Megan and Molli do a great job crunching numbers and keeping our numbers in line.

The Assessing Department is another department that is largely unseen and works quietly in the background, but they have a single-minded mission, making sure that everyone gets assessed fairly and equitably. Kerry Leichtman is the president of the State Assessors Association and an inspiration for all assessors. Recently Hannah Sisk achieved a major milestone by passing her assessor’s exam. She follows Caitlin Thompson, who works for the Town of Camden and works part-time in Rockport. The test to become an assessor is a grueling 8-hour exam that requires countless hours of study to pass. With Hannah passing we have a great assessing team and a lot of “depth on the bench.”

Planning and Community Development services are now being contracted out to MCEDD (Midcoast Economic Development District). Bill Najpauer is back in his old seat grinding away, writing grants, doing economic development and planning work for the town. This part-time
service seems to be working very well now but might need to be looked at in the future as development pressures increase.

Diane Hamilton and Linda Greenlaw both became Certified General Assistance Administrators this year, so we have backup when needed.

Long-time Deputy Town Clerk Brenda Kurr retired and was replaced by a new face—Wyatt Summers. Wyatt joins Shay Ames and Linda Greenlaw in the town clerk/tax collector’s office. The town clerk’s office can now do online car registrations and others will soon follow.

The town clerk is also responsible for elections, and residents of Rockport continue to turn out to vote in huge numbers. The last national election drew out 76 percent of the voters, 38 percent of which were early voters. National averages of voter participation were up significantly last year—all the way to 49.3 percent. Rockport voters should be proud, as you are way ahead of the national average. While early voting is very convenient and great for voters, it is a lot of work for the election people, particularly Linda. The process for secret ballots means that every ballot documentation is handled, recorded and entered several times before it is unsealed and fed into the ballot machine to be counted. Linda and her election team do a great job.

As stated earlier we got a new “state of the art” fire truck for the department. Trucks don’t just happen. You don’t just call up the fire truck company and order a truck. “Let’s see, I’ll take a red one.” It is an amazing amount of work and countless hours. Jason and his crew of dedicated volunteers did a great job on this truck build. In fact, Jason does a great job in keeping his department energized and motivated. In these days where departments are losing members, our department is growing, which is a credit to Jason and to the support that the town shows these dedicated volunteers.

Our Police Department has been fully staffed for the first time in many years. We have been able to hire several young and dedicated police officers, and under the training of Chief Gagne, Sgt. Moore and veteran Officer Travis Ford, they have excellent leadership to count on. Additionally, the shared police chief agreement we have with the Town of Camden has all kinds of unseen benefits for both towns. The two departments train together, support each other, back up each other and provide a great response resource for both Rockport and Camden. In fact, the response is almost so seamless that you can’t tell they are two departments any more. The Camden police officers are a great group and they need to be thanked for being so helpful and supportive. This seamlessness is due in part to our Chief of Police, Randy Gagne. His leadership and style of policing and community interaction has made the agreement successful beyond expectations.

Now back to the Friday the 13th computer hack. Gus and his sidekick Mike spent the entire weekend here in the Town Office, stopping only to go home and grab a few hours of sleep. They were able to stop the worm that was eating its way through the system and rebuild the damage caused. They were also able to recover all the data and we avoided paying the ransom. It was almost a challenge for them—they weren’t going to let the hackers win! Thank you to Gus and Mike; they are our IT Superhero’s.

Once the hack was stopped and data restored, we had to revamp and develop a better and more secure system for our network. That meant moving all data backup and e-mail to the cloud, as well
as several software and hardware upgrades. Bottom line is that after a year of work, it is finally complete. Recently we had a security audit performed by MMA, our insurance carrier, and we are awaiting the results of that survey to be sure we are as secure as possible.

The Town of Rockport is in great shape. As you will see by reviewing the various reports contained here, we have done a lot and we have a lot to do in the coming years, but I will not be part of that work.

After 40 years in public service, I have announced my retirement from full time employment effective June 30, 2019. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve the Town of Rockport these past six years. When I took the job as town manager, I knew that I would not be leaving to take another manager position in a better place. There is no better place! Rockport is a great town and a great community. I will miss the people I served and those I worked with a lot, but it is time for me to move on to my next chapter. I am not going far. I will be working on the library project part time for the next year as it has been a passion of mine. I plan to stay in Camden, spend more time on the water, work in my shop and relax.

Thank you to the people of Rockport for allowing me the opportunity to serve and finish my career in such a great place.
This has been a wild and exciting year for the Rockport Public Library. On November 6, 2018, all our hard work over the last few years paid off and we passed a bond for $1.5 million to help fund the construction of a new library. This is some of the most exciting news in the history of the Rockport Public Library! The new library will cost $3.5 million and the money not covered by the bond ($2 million) will be raised privately. That is all old news, but it still gives me joy to write.

The new news is that the fundraising is going great. A new foundation, the Rockport Public Library Foundation, has been set up; its sole purpose is to raise the needed $2 million to fully fund the building. As I write this, the Foundation has already raised $1.4 million in cash and pledges. This is a huge amount of money to have raised since November 6, 2018. There is still much work to be done, so if you would like to donate or help with raising the rest, you can contact the Foundation at www.rockportlibraryfoundation.org.

While the building of the new library is exciting, it is also bittersweet. To make way for the new building we had to say goodbye to the old one. The old library that had been our home for over 70 years was torn down in the last weeks of November. The tear down was done that early to give us a jumpstart on the construction season in the spring.
Speaking of spring, we are hoping to break ground on the new building in April, 2019. With that as our start date, we anticipate opening the doors of our new home to the community in the summer of 2020! The goal is to have a shell of the building up and heating system installed so work can continue inside throughout the winter.

We hope you will join us on this wonderful adventure as we build a new library for Rockport. We look forward to serving the community for another 100 years in our new building!

**Some Facts**

Some great stats from the year:

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*Includes 5975 incoming interlibrary loan materials borrowed by library patrons

With Rockport’s population of approximately 3,321, the library’s circulation averages 16 items borrowed per capita. If those books or other materials were purchased rather than borrowed from the library, it would have cost about $320 per person. That does not even begin to include the value patrons received for program attendance, technical help or internet usage. Don’t forget: we offer Tech Tutoring every Thursday afternoon!

**Programs & Services**

This was a fabulous year for programs at the Rockport Public Library. We had 555 programs and reached 5925 people! We had two outstanding author talks. The wonderful Chris Van Dusen read, drew and talked with children as part of our Summer Reading Program. Chris is a local author and illustrator with national renown. Amy Bass came to the library to read from and talk about her book, *One Goal*, about the Lewiston High School soccer team that brought a divided Lewiston back together.

As a member of the library, free downloadable audiobooks and eBooks are available from the library website with your library card. If patrons need help navigating the eBook frontier, the staff can help with that. As I mentioned, we offer free tech help every Thursday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30 for anyone who needs assistance with anything from sending emails to freeing up space on their iPhone to getting started with a new e-reader.

The library’s key services include not only lending books and magazines, but also providing access to computers, music, ukuleles, DVDs, puzzles, Kindles, downloadable eBooks, a telescope and interlibrary loan service. As we say in our vision statement:

*The Rockport Public Library is a growing, people-centered community hub that goes beyond providing information and learning resources; it offers cultural enrichment,*
Thank You!

- **Taxpayers:** The Town of Rockport pays staff salaries and benefits, wastewater and audit expenses. Tax dollars from the community support the core components that are essential to the library’s functioning.

- **Rockport Library Foundation:** They are working tirelessly to raise the funds to build the new library and are true believers in the value of libraries. The members of the Board of Directors are Ann Filley (president), John Viehman (vice president), Joan Welsh (secretary), Bill Leone (treasurer), Peter Ralston, and Cathy Monroe.

- **Volunteers:** In 2017–2018, volunteers gave 457 hours of work to the library, shelving books, sorting materials, and helping with daily operating tasks. This does not include all the volunteer efforts on behalf of the Friends of the Rockport Library. We are so grateful for their generosity with their time and expertise.

- **Friends of the Rockport Public Library:** The Friends work all year long to host one of the most successful annual book sales around, and they support many projects and programs with the proceeds from that sale, which we depend on to support the operations of the library that are not funded by the town. Thanks also to all the members of the Friends Board, who are so dedicated to the library’s wellbeing.

- **Donors:** The remainder of the library budget is covered by gifts (restricted and unrestricted); income from the Rockport Library Trust Fund; and desk income, including printing fees, gifts and nonresident fees. Expenses include such items as library materials, technology, internet access, furniture, program costs, electricity, interlibrary loan costs, and more. The financial support of our patrons, no matter the denomination, is critical to the successful operation of the library, and we are so grateful to all our donors!

- **Library Committee:** We want to recognize the members of the Library Committee: Heaven Bartlett (chairperson), Ann Filley (treasurer), Stephanie Kumble (secretary), Helen Shaw and Liz Daily. Thank you for your time, support, and advocacy on behalf of the library. This is big job and the committee does it well.

- **Colleagues and Staff:** Thanks to the town manager, the town department heads and other town staff, including the library staff. All the town departments have helped bring the library to where it is today.

- **Residents of Rockport:** If you are a town resident, your library card is free because your tax dollars help support the library. Thank you. If you haven’t visited lately, we hope you will come for a visit and discover what your local library has to offer. We look forward to serving you.
ROCKPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018

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Less Accrued Interest-

Total Endowment Funds $1,013,176.00
The Rockport Opera House hosted an array of incredible events in 2018, from concerts and lectures, to films, fundraisers, weddings and more. 2018 also marked my first year as manager and rental agent, after taking the reins from Terri Lea Smith at the end of the fiscal year June 30.

**Building Usage and Statistics**

In 2018 the building was used 152 days. Although this is slightly fewer than the 165 days it was used in 2017, the number of actual events—and revenue—was slighter higher, as multiple events took place on some days in both the auditorium and the Geoffrey C. Parker community meeting room.

Bay Chamber Concerts continues to support the Opera House as its home venue for their annual Summer Concert Series, as well as additional concerts throughout the year. In 2018 BCC held a total of 13 concerts at the Opera House, featuring performers from around the globe. The magnificent summer series finale, *Les Illuminations*, was directed by up-and-coming New York director James Blaszko and featured the Palaver Strings, tenor Nicholas Phan, and BCC Artistic Director Manuel Bagorro.

Maine Media Arts + College returned with their lecture series on Monday and Tuesday nights throughout June and July. Open to the public and always free to attend, the 2018 lectures featured photographers, authors, filmmakers, and other artists from all over the country.

The Rockport Public Library also used the Opera House frequently throughout the year for many different programs, which included films, guest speakers, a puppet show, and more. In September the Camden International Film Festival (CIFF) returned for a fourth consecutive year, using the Opera House as their Rockport film screening venue.

December was another busy month beginning with the Rockport Garden Club’s highly anticipated Holly Berry Fair. The Adas Yoshuron Synagogue Hanukkah party followed that, and the following weekend the Opera House took part in the Town of Rockport’s annual Holiday on the Harbor Festival, offering a holiday movie with free popcorn and water for families and festival goers after the fireworks. Attendance at the movie was much higher than anticipated, so we will likely do it again during the Festival in 2019. Later in December the Down East Singers, featuring a men’s
ensemble from St. Petersburg, Russia, performed their annual holiday concert to another sold-out crowd.

Other events that took place at the Opera House in 2018 included a graduation ceremony, several weddings, plays, memorial services, Pecha Kucha Night, and fundraisers for local nonprofits such as the Midcoast Music Academy, Broadreach Family Services, United Midcoast Charities, and The Ripple Initiative. Some of the other users who held concerts, banquets, dances and other ceremonies were DaPonte String Quartet, Ashwood Waldorf School, Watershed School, Juice Plus, Chris Ross + The North, The Midnight Ramblers, Knox-Lincoln Soil and Water Conservation District, Belfast Flying Shoes, and writer/actor Peter Paton.

The advertising of events in 2018 was primarily done through social media, with some events also listed on PenBay Pilot and Knox Village Soup. Renters were also encouraged to submit posters for us to display in the marquee box in front of the building. A monthly newsletter developed by Adventure Advertising continues to be a useful resource in letting subscribers know about upcoming events. Please visit www.RockportOperaHouse.com to sign up for our email newsletter and be sure to follow us on Facebook.

Geoffrey C. Parker Community Meeting Room

The GCPC room regularly hosts meetings of the town Select Board, Planning Board, Capital Improvement Plan Committee, Budget Review Committee, Comprehensive Plan Review Committee, Library Committee, and now also the Library Building Committee. Rockport Garden Club also uses the GCPC room for their monthly meetings. In addition, throughout 2018 the meeting room was used for political campaign promos and candidate debates, training seminars, and after-show receptions. The meeting room houses the town’s Livestream video and audio equipment; in 2018 nearly 90% of the town meetings that took place in the GCPC room were livestreamed.

Improvements and Renovations

In late March the main floor of the auditorium was repaired by McCormick Builders, then sanded and refinished by Heritage Floors in May. Also in May, new flame retardant stage curtains arrived.

The brass railings that had been installed in the balcony in 2017 for safety in the aisleways were replaced with thick plexiglass balustrades made and installed by Rockport Steel. The reason for replacement was that attendees found the brass rails to obstruct views.

In October six burners were replaced on the Vulcan stove in the kitchen.

In compliance with the state fire marshal’s maximum occupancy code, 26 seats were removed from the balcony in November, reducing the number of balcony seats to 110. Pursuant to the state fire marshal regulations, seating capacity is now set at 358 in the auditorium and balcony for concert seating, and 115–225 with tables and chairs on the main floor.

At the end of the last fiscal year the Select Board approved funding to replace the old Genie lift. A used—but much newer and safer—lift was delivered in July. The lift is used regularly for lighting adjustments and replacement, as well as cleaning areas that cannot be reached with a ladder.

In September the Select Board also approved a proposal to add the Livestream equipment and services to the Opera House contract, making it possible for renters to video/record events, and potentially stream them live through the Rockport town website.
Physical Plant

The Rockport Garden Club continues to beautify the Opera House grounds, planting and watering flowers, as well as cleaning the beds and shrubs.

The IT guys from Gusco Consulting Inc. replaced two wireless routers to further upgrade the wireless internet speed and security in the building.

The Opera House Team

It takes a tremendous amount of work to maintain the building and to prepare for all the events that take place at the Rockport Opera House. This would not be possible without the efforts of so many thoughtful individuals who take pride in the building, the grounds, and serving the patrons that it hosts. There is a long list of people that I’d like to thank for their continued assistance and support; Town Manager Rick Bates; the Select Board; the Opera House Committee; the town manager’s Executive Assistant Diane Hamilton; Custodian Richard Dinsmore; Public Works Director Mike Young; Town Clerk Linda Greenlaw and Deputy Town Clerks Shay Ames and Brenda Kurr. The Finance Department’s Megan Bracket and Molli Bennett; security attendant Jerry Carr; the staff at the Rockport Public Library; the staff at Bay Chamber Concerts; and a very special thank you to my predecessor Terri Lea Smith for her training, guidance, assistance, and continual support.
2018 brought an all-time high number of dispatched 911 fire calls and increased mutual aid training with other departments. We added new firefighters to the department, Dylan Cautela and Steve Beveridge, and saw Eben Merrifield leave to serve our country in the U.S. Army.

With an increase from 22 in 2017 to 28 mutual aid fire calls from Camden, Rockland and Hope we also saw 16 EMS CPR calls to back up Northeast Ambulance within Rockport. Firefighters assisted with 24 total structure fires between Rockland, Camden and Rockport over the last year.

The two largest increases overall have been EMS assist calls for CPR and mutual aid for confirmed fires in other towns. A slight increase in woods and grass fires happened with most being due to unexpected increasing winds.

Mutual aid training continued to be a focus, working with Rockland Fire on five different evenings and one with Hope Firefighters with car extrication. Working with our surrounding towns is only going to increase over the next few years as fewer and fewer community members are volunteering to help at all fire departments.

Our new Squad 25 arrived in July and was placed into service in the middle of August after all firefighters were required to put in 10 hours of hands-on training. Within weeks we found the new Squad was exactly what was needed to ensure the best response vehicle to fires, car accidents, cold water rescue and many other call types. Seeing an instant impact with all the tools the new truck carried, we know all the time and research put in was worth it.

I continued to seek grants through a variety of organizations throughout the country and was granted three new Apple iPads for the trucks. On a weekly basis I complete walk throughs of the elementary schools, talking with the students and conducting bi-monthly fire drills.
BURN PERMIT INFORMATION

Reminder ALL burn permits are issued under the direct Authority of Maine Dept. of Agriculture, Conservation & Forestry

Weekdays:
Burn permits can be obtained at the Fire Station between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. If the chief is not available you may obtain a permit at the Town Office (only after first attempting to go to the Fire Station).

Weekends & Holidays:
Burn permits MUST be obtained on the business day prior to the weekend or holiday at the Fire Station by 2:00 p.m.

Permits are not issued on weekends at the Town Office or Fire Station. The only way to obtain a permit on weekends or overnight is online through the State of Maine (maineburnpermits.com). There is a $7.00 fee for online permits.

When burning to clean and/or dispose of wood and leaves you are required to obtain a burn permit. Only campfires for cooking, heat or ominous are allowed without a permit.

ALL Grass/Field or Blueberry burns must be obtained directly from the Fire Chief and will not be issued by Town Office personnel.

You are no longer required to call on Saturday morning to activate your permit.
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Burn Permits Written – 386
On-line Burn Permits – 385

Fire Equipment – Rockport

2018 E-One Rescue Pumper, 1250 gpm
759 Gallon Tank w/ Foam
2004 Freightliner, Ferrara 1250 gpm.
pumper; 1000-gallon tank
1996 Freightliner, Ferrara 1000 gpm.
pumper; 1000-gallon tank
1951 Willys Jeep
1928 American LaFrance Ladder Truck

Fire Equipment – West Rockport

2016 E-One Pumper, 1000 gpm, 1,000-gallon tank, 4-person cab
1987 Ford, Emergency One - 1000 gpm.
Firefighters:

Jason Peasley, Chief
Todd Philbrook, Deputy Chief
John Wickenden, Assistant Chief
Charles Pearson, Lt.
Gregory Rollins, Lt.
William Lane, Lt.
David Leighton Lt.
Neal Bartley, Secretary & Treasurer
Bruce Woodward
Charles Knight
Charles Foote III
Allen Mitchell
Philip Brown
Michael Callaway
Michael Robertson
Levi Rollins
John Sylvester
Mike Eaton
Dana Jackson
Steve Laite
Tyler Leighton
Drew Long
Royan Bartley
Maddie Wickenden
Clint Beveridge
Eben Merrifield
Clay Tolman
Alex Vokey
Ryan Fisher
Steve Beveridge
Dylan Cautela
Greetings from Rockport Harbor. The 2018 season was one to remember. The mackerel ran hard all summer and we saw more overnight dockage revenue than ever before.

The Sail into Summer Festival was held in late June and featured the Jason Spooner Band, Flatbread Pizza and a sold-out BBQ to benefit the Simonton Corner Grange Hall. It turned out to be a beautiful day and evening with a great turn-out for this community event. Special thanks to Kim Kimball and the Holiday on the Harbor Committee for making it happen. Stay tuned for harbor events in 2019.

The annual Holiday on the Harbor event on December 8 was a chilly but successful one that culminated in what has come to be known as the best fireworks show around. A huge shout out again to the Holiday on the Harbor Committee and the volunteers for braving the cold and putting out the luminaria; you make the event one to look forward to.

Our newly-placed dinghy docks were at capacity and proved to be a welcome addition to the harbor. A reminder that the first come-first served dinghy permits will be issued on June 1, 2019, at the Harbormaster Office.

Fees were adjusted this past season to more accurately reflect the going rates in surrounding harbors. Rockport Harbor fees are average—more expensive than some with less to offer and cheaper than others—to remain accessible to all. The Harbor Committee thoughtfully goes through the fees annually and makes recommendations to the Select Board based on research gathered from neighboring harbors.

Our pump out station has been equipped with a longer hose to accommodate larger boats and ones that had a difficult time reaching their holding tanks with the shorter hose. It is our hope that making it as easy as possible will encourage more boat owners to take advantage of our free pump out service. Water quality remains a high priority for the harbor, and we continue to monitor water quality through the Maine Healthy Beaches program. This season we only had one contamination advisory, which is a vast improvement over past seasons.
A reminder that as we try to attract more transient boaters to come and stay overnight on our floats, we still offer a discounted rate of $1/ft to Rockport residents and mooring holders when space is available.

We will be having another food truck this upcoming season so stay tuned for details.

Thanks to all who help make Rockport Harbor a destination for residents, tourists and boaters to live, work and play. Here’s to another safe and successful season.

**Andre the Seal statue gets a facelift**

Years ago, folks came to Rockport from all around to watch Harry Goodridge and Andre the seal ham it up and perform their tricks in the harbor. Nowadays folks come from all around to pay tribute to the iconic seal by visiting his statue. The historic Andre the Seal statue was sculpted by Jane Wasey in 1978 (Andre himself unveiled his own statue).

The statue attracts hundreds of visitors a summer. Over the years a crack that developed in his face and through the base began to get worse as the acidic rain seeped in. It reached a point where some intervention had to happen before his face broke off and a repair would become a total replacement.

The Rockport Beautification Committee, in conjunction with Legacy Rockport, started a GoFundMe page. The Rockport Garden Club gave a generous donation, the GoFundMe page was a success, and the services of stone sculptor Andreas von Huene were procured. Von Huene enlightened us that the statue was not made of granite as originally thought but of local limestone that had been polished by the many kids climbing on the statue over the years. Von Huene’s research led him to a quarry in nearby Union where Wasey found the limestone she used for the sculpture. Von Huene found several pieces of similar grain and fairied it into Andre’s face, resulting in a barely visible repair.

The repaired statue was unveiled to the public at the Sail into Summer Festival at the end of June 2018.

Thanks to the action of the Rockport Beautification Committee, Legacy Rockport, the Rockport Garden Club, and the many folks who donated through the GoFundMe page, the story of the famed Andre the Seal can live on in the historical statue, and children and adults alike can once again enjoy sitting on and having their photograph taken with Rockport’s most famous resident.
To the citizens of Rockport, I respectfully submit the Rockport Police Department annual report for 2018. This was another busy year for the Rockport Police Department. Fortunately, the department was fully staffed without any vacancies the entire year. With a nationwide shortage of police officers and vacancies in most departments I consider us lucky. I am very appreciative of our dedicated staff and the job they do each day.

Training and equipment upgrades continue within the department. Over the last few years we have been able to upgrade our radars, weapons, tasers, cruiser video systems, department internal and
external video systems, to name a few. This would not be possible without the support of Town Manager Rick Bates, members of the Select Board, members of the budget committee, and the tax payers of the Town of Rockport. On behalf of the members of the Rockport Police Department we thank you all for the support!

As mentioned, training is a priority of our department. Quality training reduces our exposure to liability. In 2018 Sgt. James Moore completed the FBI LEEDA Trilogy of Training, which is some of the finest supervisory training available. Sgt. Moore is also currently enrolled in the Midcoast Leadership Academy, which he will complete in June, 2019. Other officers have attended training in areas of interviewing techniques, evidence storage, Crisis Intervention Team training, and car seat installations. We try to have officers from both Camden and Rockport attend trainings together when possible. Camden and Rockport officers do regular firearms and yearly mandatory training together as well.

Unfortunately, the midcoast area is not immune from the opiate crisis. In 2018 officers from both Camden and Rockport were trained in the use of NARCAN, which is an opiate overdose reversal drug. Within 48 hours of being issued NARCAN officers in Camden administered and revived an overdose victim. Less than one month later Rockport Officer Christopher Taylor and Fire Chief Jason Peasley administered NARCAN and revived an overdose victim in Rockport. Both Officer Taylor and Chief Peasley were presented a “Life Saver” award before the Rockport Select Board. Unfortunately, we also experienced overdose deaths that were not found in time to save the victim. If you or someone you know is struggling with addiction, please seek help.

The Camden and Rockport Police Departments continue to work very closely together. Although we are not a consolidated department, we share a great working agreement that allows cross-supervision between departments, allows officers to respond to serious calls in either jurisdiction, and allows automatic response of additional officers to serious situations.

This partnership continues to work incredibly well. Not only are we supplying better service to both communities, we are also making it much safer for our responding officers. I see nothing but positives by sharing services. We are still two separate departments, each having individual identities. We do, however, share the same mission and that is to provide professional law enforcement service to the communities of Rockport and Camden.

I look forward to what the future brings to our departments and towns. Our two towns working together may serve as a role model for other similarly-situated communities.
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Public Works was kept busy at the start of 2018 with large amounts of late-season snowfall that progressed into a project-packed spring. We had three large snow storms in March. The crew was busy with snow removal and preparation for the spring melt off. Due to the late storms, when we started getting warmer weather, we experienced a large amount of flooding, plugged culverts, and washouts that had to be fixed.

During the winter we assisted in building three new floats for the harbor to allow for more dinghy space; this helped the town by saving the cost of out-sourcing their construction. Additionally, public works put in between 10 to 12 new pylons on the fisherman’s side of the head wall during the spring months. Over the summer Public Works assisted in facilitating the restoration of the Andre the Seal statue as well as work on the old lime kilns.

In preparation for the season’s use, the Marge Jones Recreation Field and RES had large amounts of work completed at both sites. At Marge Jones both tennis courts were resealed. The ball fields were each rototilled, new materials were laid and extensive tree work was completed; the fences were repaired as well. At RES the backstop was done, and the infield materials were removed and replaced.

The next stretch of Mount Pleasant designated for paving was completed in the late summer. The paving projects were put out to bid and the bid was awarded to Performance Paving from Owls Head. Brandy Brooke, West St. Ext, Scott’s Road and Ministerial Drive were all paved in 2018. Extensive ditching and shoulder work were completed throughout the town with focus at Whitetail Drive, Park Street, Clam Cove Drive, Mirror Lake Drive, Ledgewood Drive, and Upham Lane. Culverts were replaced and reset throughout the town as well, including at Forest Glenn, Clam Cove Drive, Forest Street, and Park Street. New granite curbing was installed at the post office on Union Street.

Crews started a new road at the Sea View Cemetery, which will be completed in 2019 due to large amounts of late-season rainfall.

Public Works was responsible for facilitating the removal and replacement of the Central Street sidewalk facing in the village. The town determined that the existing retaining wall was detreating beyond a simple patch repair and was contracted out to Knowles Industries, who demolished the
existing concrete and replaced it with a new shotcrete wall.

In the fall we demolished the library on Limerock Street. By completing this in-house we were able to help minimize expenses incurred by the town. Habitat for Humanity and other nonprofit groups were invited to walk the library building prior to demolition to salvage anything that could be reused. We removed all the landscaping rock and some plants from the site prior to demolition in hopes they can be reused after the new library is built. We were able to put the site into a safe condition until spring when the construction is set to begin.

In December a cement pad and underground conduit was put down and a propane tank was installed at the Town Office in preparation for the new generator, scheduled to be installed February/March of 2019.

2018 brought some staffing changes as we had three long-time employees retire. In the spring we celebrated the retirements of Sue Dates, the administrative assistant; Steve Beverage, the assistant director; and in the winter Jaime Miller, a plow driver. Our part-time employee Devin Field was brought on full time; Mike Grant was also hired on a part-time basis. Sue was replaced by a new administrative assistant, Brandy Hare. Additionally, a new position of buildings and grounds maintenance was created; Michael Gagne was selected for this position.

To help keep costs down and keep everyone safe, we again ask you to help us during the winter months by following these guidelines:

- Do not park on the road or street from sundown to sunrise from November 1 to April 15, as most of the snow removal is done at night.
- Don’t park your car too close to the road, i.e.: end of car is even with window that the snowplow leaves. This creates hazards to snow clean-up operations.
- Don’t push, throw, or leave your snow in public ways. It is against the law.
- Make sure your mailbox and post are in good shape and installed in a proper place. By state law and by town ordinance. Public Works is not responsible for any damage to mailboxes and paper boxes. The wooden post can be purchased at several stores. Please realize that our plows do not usually hit your mailbox, nor do we try to. It is usually the weight of the snow coming off the plow and wing that knocks the box and/or post down, especially older posts. Again, if you have questions about placement of a box, please give us a call and we will check it for you. Please see the diagram on the next page.
- **Please** don’t walk, jog, cross-country ski, snowmobile, snowboard, or mountain bike in the street, especially at night and/or during snowstorms. **You are placing yourself in extreme danger!**
- **Please** use the sidewalks whenever possible. We pay to have them cleaned for your use and you are placing yourself in danger when you walk in the street. This request is for the summer as well.
- **Please give snow removal equipment a break.** If equipment is backing up, please wait. It is hard, if not impossible, for the driver to see you! Be sure the driver of the equipment has seen you before you pass. Our crews do the best they can to be considerate and to not jeopardize anyone when operating equipment. Please be considerate of them.

I would like to thank all the people who look out for Public Works, especially those who support the crew during the long overnight snowstorms with a warm meal and snacks occasionally.

Thank you to Woodard & Curran and Andy Field for their assistance when called upon, the Police Department for calling me with weather reports, Fire Chief Jason Peasley, Police Chief Randy Gagne, and the Rockport Garden Club.
I would like to thank my crew for always being there when we need them, for doing projects they have not done before or would rather not do. Also, to their significant others for keeping their homes plowed and operating smoothly so the crew can keep the town safe during storms.

**POST & MAILBOX RECOMMENDATION**

Note: You may firmly secure your mailbox to the top rail. Please realize that even pressure-treated wooden structures do not last forever. They do rot out. You should check your post for rot each year and check the mailbox to make sure it is still secure on the post. Normally the box is placed above the level of the plow wing, so the wing does not hit the box. It is the weight of the snow that knocks the box and/or post down.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Adopted from Town of Brunswick drawing
T. Mann design
Dear Residents,

While this past year has seen a few changes in our operations we continue to strive to make the facility a friendly and safe place for you to visit and process your solid waste, household trash and recycling.

The facility has received good news and feedback about the investment made on the grout wall separating the Northern section from the Southern section of Jacobs Quarry. It’s apparently working as designed, evidenced by the rising water level of the Northern section of the Quarry. A more reduced yet consistent rate of flow from the leachate generated in the Southern section of the Quarry means saving money over the life of our water management system.

The Board of Directors continually strives to find ways of reducing our waste stream. This year we are partnering with Hannaford to recycle film plastics like bubble wrap, food packaging and single use plastic bags. These items are recycled into decking and other products. The Board contracted with ScrapDogs, a newly formed local community compost company, to assist with food waste diversion. This is an important step as food waste is often greater than 20% of household trash weight. Residents may now place collected waste from home in a food compost container on site for handling. Textile diversion is made available through Apparel Impact collection bins which allow recycling of used clothing, blankets, shoes, and backpacks/purses in good condition. This company regularly distributes the collected items to families in need in Maine and New Hampshire.

The MCSWC facility operates our recycling program through a source separated operation that is continually subject to the ups and downs of the recycling market. Products such as cardboard and #2 Plastics (Milk Jugs and Colored Detergent Bottles) are profitable commodities; each milk jug or detergent bottle is equivalent to a 5¢ bottle return in our revenue stream. Other products including newsprint, steel cans, and #1 plastic are creating revenue while mixed paper and #3-7 plastic are currently recycled at a cost. Diverting these products assists with the overall cost of household trash management; it is important to remember that we pay by the pound for trash removal, so we should recycle everything that we are able to. This is both financial and environmental stewardship, so we appreciate your participation.

The Waste Watch Committee (WWC) was formed to be an advisory committee to the public and has worked under Board direction to continually encourage and increase recycling of all sorts. The Swap Shop is a good example of how the endeavors of the WWC and volunteer helpers make available a place to drop items that can be reused and kept out of the waste stream. The WWC has a Facebook page at midcoastwastewatch and may be reached by email at midcoastwastewatch@gmail.com

Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation

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Mission Statement

The Midcoast Solid Waste Corporation is a public corporation formed to provide for the transfer, recycling and disposal of municipal solid wastes generated by residents, institutions and businesses within the boundaries of the Towns of Camden, Rockport, Lincolnville and Hope. MCSWC strives to:
- provide excellent service for residential and commercial users;
- maximize the recycling, reduction and reuse of materials and minimize disposal;
- operate its facilities in an efficient, user friendly, safe, environmentally sound and sustainable fashion and in compliance with Maine DEP regulatory requirements and;
- provide those services at a reasonable overall cost with a set of competitive user charges which reflect the cost of providing the service.
All the employees at Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation do an excellent job of meeting and directing the public every day (well, Tuesday- Saturday, 8 am-4 pm). They assist residents with a myriad of questions and take the time to create educational experiences when applicable. Each and every employee deserves a big thank you for the integral role they play in keeping the facility in compliance with governing state agencies in the ongoing solid waste disposal needs of the communities we serve.

Respectfully, Chair Owen Casas and the entire Mid-Coast Solid Waste Team

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The Rockport Collection System continues to be contract operated by Woodard & Curran, Inc., whose responsibilities include ensuring reliable day-to-day system operation, maintenance, and 24/7 emergency response. Daily duties include routine pump stations checks, data collection, and grounds maintenance. Notable maintenance and system improvements completed in the past year include:

- Cleaned wetwells at the Harbor View, Main Street Extension, Romaha, CHRHS and Mechanic Street pump stations.
- Rebuilt the pump 2 check valve at the Goose River pump station.
- Installed a power lift gate on the wastewater truck.

In June the Maine Sport project was completed. Due to the age of the original pump station and its proximity to Route 1, an entirely new pump station was installed. This included the wetwell, valve pit, and controls; access was made available off Route 1 for the safety of personnel doing any work at this location. Once the new pump station was operational the old pump station was demolished and removed.

In the fall the SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) upgrade was completed. This is the alarm system that monitors all the pump stations, and with the expansion within the system it needed to be expanded as well. A Dell PC was installed with RSView32 and WIN911 software to handle the monitoring and alarm notifications.

In 2018 the flow totals were up slightly over the previous year. We pumped a total of 18.6 million gallons to the Rockland wastewater treatment plant from the Warrenton Street pump station, compared to 17.3 the previous year. From the Goose River pump station we pumped 29.6 gallons to the Camden wastewater treatment plant, compared to 28.8 in 2017.

In closing, I would again like to say thank you to Rockport Public Works and the entire Town of Rockport for your continued support.
TOWN OF ROCKPORT

BOARDS, COMMITTEES & COMMISSIONS

We want to take this opportunity to thank the many Rockport citizens who give so freely of their time and energy to serve on town committees and boards.

If you are interested in serving on a town committee, please complete the Application for Committee Service form available at the Town Office or on our website at www.town.rockport.me.us – Town Boards, Committees and Commissions Committee Application.

Please call the Town Manager’s Office at 236-0806 for more information.

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Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee

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COMMITTEE & AFFILIATION REPORTS

Camden-Rockport Bicycle & Pedestrian Pathways Committee
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Planning Board
Recreation Committee
Rockport Beautification Committee
Safety Committee
Select Board
Town Manager Search Committee
The Pathways Committee is a two-town cooperative committee, with members appointed from both Rockport and Camden. The Committee is charged with reviewing geographic areas, rights-of-way, and transportation infrastructure in the two towns in order to improve bicycle and pedestrian safety and access and to encourage non-motorized transportation.

From 2017 to 2018 the Committee focused on a number of areas in Rockport:

- We continued to move forward with both towns implementing the design of a sidewalk along Route 1 from Quarry Hill to 56 Commercial Street (Loyal Biscuit). Project estimates increased and worked with the town to rebudget. The plan is for bids to go out in the fall of 2018 for construction in 2019-20.

- Continued advocating for a Pathways Reserve Fund with the goal of a $5K annual contribution to enable the town to be in a better financial position to respond to matching grant opportunities.

- Completed reconstruction of the high sidewalk along Pascal Ave.

- Assisted in construction and completion of the CHRHS cross-country path behind the school, including five bridges.

- New signals installed at Rte 90/Rte 1 intersection with pedestrian controls and a crosswalk connecting the village side to the Market Basket side.
- Supported the effort to raise funds and construct the Erickson Farm connector trail/path extending up to Beech Hill, thus creating another connection to the Route 90 corridor.

- Considered a proposal from a CHRHS student group to construct pedestrian facilities and a crosswalk at Route 90, near the entrance to CHRHS connecting to the Forest Glen subdivision.

- Committee Member John Titus completed training to become a Bicycle Coalition of Maine SPOKES person for Rockport. The SPOKES program advocates for bicycle facilities and cycling.

- Provided input to the Rockport Comprehensive Review Committee in consideration of bicycle and pedestrian facilities.

- Ongoing projects included:
  - Exploring ways to connect the Route 90 schools (RES and CHRHS) via public pathways to the Camden and Rockport Communities
  - Keeping “pathway connections” in the discussion of the future of the RES East site.

The Committee meets on the first Wednesday of the month from 7:00–9:00 p.m. alternating between the meeting rooms of the Camden Town Office and the Rockport Town Office. Interested members of the public are encouraged to attend.
The committee met in the fall to discuss the following:

1) The minimum value of the projects we should be discussing. The committee felt that $5,000 was too small an amount to be considered as a capital improvement. No conclusion was decided, but this writer felt $25,000 would be a more realistic amount.

2) The issue that grouping small projects or maintenance items together to get the value up doesn’t make it a capital improvement. The department heads should be including small projects and maintenance items in their budgets.

3) The committee reviewed the list of items that was presented to us to prioritize in one of 6 categories: 1. Urgent, 2. Necessary, 3. Desirable, 4. Deferred, 5. Not Needed, and 6. Underway. The improvements that were categorized with a #1 are as follows.
   - Public Works exhaust removal system
   - Town office vault fire suppression system
   - Walker Park seawall engineering
   - Lime Kiln safety restoration work.

We had 4 #2’s, 8 #3’s, 16 #4’s, 2 # 5’s, and 9 #6’s.

We will meet again in the late summer-early fall to look at all projects and issues again, unless the Select Board requests our services earlier.
Coastal Mountains Land Trust is a membership-based non-profit conservation organization that has worked in the western Penobscot Bay region, including the town of Rockport, since 1986 to conserve wildlife habitat, scenic landscapes, public access to natural lands, water resources, and productive forest and farmland. Thanks to community and member support, we have protected over 12,000 acres throughout our service region, which extends from Rockport to Prospect. The Land Trust also continues its active and expanding trails program inviting the public, through its Trail Guide, social media, and partnership with other organizations, to use and enjoy over 45 miles of trail.

We are expanding our family event series. This year will include our Blueberry Tales natural story hour, a pollinators walking tour, bird week events, a learn to rake blueberries farm tour, and the fourth Kites & Ice Cream kite festival. All of our events are free and open to the public. Beech Hill Preserve, which we manage in part as a MOFGA-certified organic blueberry farm, is the site of the very popular annual free public blueberry pick.

The Land Trust has completed a total of 30 conservation projects in Rockport. We have protected 1,394 acres using conservation easements, a permanent agreement that keeps land in private ownership while protecting critical resources of the property. Coastal Mountains Land Trust also owns properties that have extraordinary conservation value, including 28 properties, totaling 1,128 acres.

On Bald and Ragged Mountains, progress continues to further the vision of a four-season, 8-mile Round the Mountain trail originating from the Camden Snow Bowl. Trail work will begin in 2019.

The trail will serve as an artery for an expanded systems of trails and will help convert the Camden Snow Bowl into a true four-season recreational destination.

Our office is located at 101 Mt. Battie Street in Camden, open 8:30am to 5:00pm weekdays, and we encourage those interested in our organization to stop in for a visit, call us at (207) 236-7091, or check out our website (coastalmountains.org) and register for our monthly eNews, which has news of events and programs.
We work to protect water, land, air, agriculture & forests

WATER
We address the effects of land use activity and its impact on our freshwater bodies and the harbor. Through various water sampling and testing methods we can maintain high standards to ensure safe residential well water and preserve water-dependent traditional commerce and recreation. We strive to establish historical data so we can further investigate changes to our water quality and detect non-point sources of pollution.

Rockport Harbor
Dr. Robert Kennedy routinely monitors the quality of water in Rockport Harbor, the Goose River and the four smaller streams that drain directly to the harbor to detect potential problems and identify trends. Data collected by the Conservation Commission are summarized annually by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) and posted to their website (https://www.maine.gov/dep/water/monitoring/index.html) for easy public access. In general, the quality of water in Rockport Harbor is determined to a large degree by tidal exchange with Penobscot Bay. However, conditions in the harbor are deteriorated by sediment-laden inflows from the Goose River and the surrounding drainage area following rainfall events. This is of particular concern for Goodie’s Beach and Walker Park, where material such as pet waste, washed from streets, sidewalks and lawns, can lead to unacceptably high levels of bacteria at the beach, particularly during the summer months. The Conservation Commission continues to encourage residents and visitors to exercise responsible management of pet waste and trash to reduce water quality impacts to our beaches, parks and harbor community.

Meggan Dwyer has joined the RCC this year as our marine scientist, aquaculture research director, and has helped us establish the RCC Climate Change Awareness Program.

In February 2019, the Rockport Ocean Club for youth education was established. This free-to-the-public program is supported through the Surfrider Foundation, of which Rockport is now an affiliated chapter. The first year will focus on beach cleanup and Citizen Scientist reporting. Meetings start in the summer of 2019 at the Rockport Boat Club.
RCC is researching for an app to help us involve all our Citizen Scientists and to create an awareness reporting method. We are looking for things such as changes in fish migration, garbage in the harbor, changes in bankings and beach erosion, water temperature and clarity, to name a few. Currently all sightings are to be reported to the harbormaster or to our email below.

Lake Stewards of Maine
In 2018 RCC member Marci Casas mentored a CHRHS junior in pursuit of a STEM Endorsement. They teamed up and started a Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program through the Lake Stewards of Maine (LSM). They established a volunteer group of residents who live near the five lakes/ponds in Rockport. Those bodies of water include Lily, Maces, Rocky, Chickawaukie and Grassy. Volunteers drove to Auburn for training and conducted sechhi disk (used to measure water transparency) and phosphorous testing to begin the historical data necessary to track non-point source pollution into our fresh lakes and ponds. Marci will spearhead the second year of this program in the spring. An additional two phosphorus tests per pond will be added and ice-out data will be recorded. Lora Laffan is lead coordinator for volunteers for this initiative. Please reach out if you are interested in participating.

Lily Pond
Lily Pond, once renowned for its clear water, experienced poor water quality conditions in the 1970s and was subsequently added to the list of Maine’s impaired lakes. Recent management efforts by Aldermere Farm and Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation reduced the influx of problem-causing nutrients from the watershed and Lily Pond’s water quality is now markedly improved. Marci and Bob collaborated with the MDEP to remove Lily Pond from the impaired lakes list.

LAND
We support local nonprofits establishing new parks and mountain trail systems, maintaining easements and land gifts. We encourage a sustainable and vibrant community for Rockport residents through stewardship, education, outreach and volunteer support. This is most evident through our Keep Rockport Beautiful Road Clean-Up Campaign.

Keep Rockport Beautiful (KRB)
KRB began as a citizens group that was concerned about litter on our roads and in our parks, started by our member Maggie Timmerman, who won an ecomaine eco-Excellence Award in 2018. This spring will be our eighth coordinated road clean-up. Each time we clean about 25 miles of road and to date have collected approximately 3.5 tons of litter. Under the mentorship of Maggie and Marci Casas, Camden and Lincolnville are now holding their own roadside cleanup events and citizens in Rockland, Thomaston and Warren are looking into holding events in 2019. This year the spring cleanup is scheduled for April 26-27 and the fall event will be held at the end of September.

Polystyrene Take-Out Container Ban
In November 2018, citizens went to the polls and successfully voted to ban polystyrene take-out containers in Rockport. This was a combined effort of Fran Woodworth, former CHRHS student seeking a Global Endorsement, and her mentor, Marci Casas. RCC will begin the Plastic Bag Ban Ordinance process in 2019–20.

Town Easements
As required annually, Ted Skowronski inspects Rockport’s conservation easements and files them accordingly with Knox County Records.
Open Space Preservation
Fred Ribeck is the RCC liaison with the Coastal Mountain Land Trust. He has worked closely with them to ensure the land and water around Grassy Pond and Mirror Lake will remain pristine during the development of the Around the Mountain project. A great deal of the land is in Rockport especially around Grassy Pond. Fred continues to follow additional open land projects that are within the Rockport town lines. He is an advocate to include West Rockport into our Climate Change projects.

AIR, AGRICULTURE AND FORESTS
RCC supports clean air through our Tree Growth Project. We work with local arborists and forestry management groups to establish emergency management protection against invasive species, such as the emerald ash borer.

Rockport Tree Farm
Lora Laffan, codirector of our Tree Growth Project, has helped to organize a process for growing and distributing trees. We currently grow trees at Erickson Farm, then donate them to the town/Rockport Garden Club to give away. The trees are available to any Rockport resident, school or business. The town and the Garden Club will decide on the best candidates and appropriate trees to be given to each site.

In 2019 we started the Rockport Clean Air Program, part of our Climate Change Awareness. We encourage all residents to plant a tree to help us combat CO2 in our air. We will continue to purchase trees and raise them on the farm for this cause in 2019–20.

Invasive Insect Awareness
The biggest cause of invasive insects is transportation of firewood from out of state. Firewood transported to Rockport from out of state is prohibited. We ask that you do not purchase firewood from big box stores as we try to bring this ban to all of Knox County. The emerald ash borer (EAB) is an invasive insect that kills ash trees. It has already killed millions of ash trees throughout the United States and caused billions of dollars’ damage. EAB will inevitably arrive in the state soon. It has already been discovered in New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York, and Quebec. We are asking all Rockport residents to count the number of ash trees on their property and to report that number back to us so that we can map the locations.

Contact us at:
Conservation@town.rockport.me.us
In the past year the Harbor Committee brought to fruition an ordinance change that created a special exception process under the Moorings section of the Harbor Ordinances. This Special Exception has been used successfully since approval by the voters. The Committee has taken guidance from the Select Board regarding the balance of harbor revenue and expenses and has considered amendments to the Harbor Fee Schedule. Additionally, the Committee has begun to have input to the scale and fee schedule of rentals of Harbor Park. The frequency of the rentals is not in the purview of the Committee.

Upcoming issues include:
- setting standards in our ordinances for the construction of moorings and floats,
- defining the costs to the town of our harbor leases,
- creating safeguards against abandoned boats on moorings, and
- the ongoing maintenance of harbor infrastructure.

In the summer of 2018 Harbor Park hosted a public party with music and wood-fired pizza. Public feedback from the event was very good and the Committee has discussed encouraging more summer events open to the public.

The Harbor Committee meets once a month, usually on the third Thursday of the month at the Town Office at 5:15. The public is always welcome.

Respectfully Submitted,

Sam Temple
Chair Harbor Committee
Holiday on the Harbor Committee

Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster
Peter Ralston, Ralston Gallery
Andrew Weber, Opera House Manager
Mike Young, Public Works Director
Diane Hamilton, Executive Assistant
Monica Kelley, Executive Director Bay Chamber Concerts
Brandy Hare, Administrative Assistant Public Works

Holiday on the Harbor is an Annual Event in December that would not be possible without help from all the Sponsors and Volunteers!

Thank you all for coming!
The Investment Committee provides oversight and guidance for the Cemetery, Wastewater and Public Assistance accounts. These accounts totaled $1,223,159.82 on December 31, 2018, of which Bar Harbor Trust Services (BHTS) manages $828,770.69 and The First holds $394,389.13 in interest-bearing accounts. The Committee took several administrative actions during the fiscal year, including reviewing and revising the Committee by-laws, allowing for four planned meetings per year, one in-person meeting and three virtual meetings. The Committee is also working with Finance Director Megan Brackett and the town attorney on refreshing the guidelines for the Weidman Health Care Trust Fund.

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The committee would like to acknowledge the support of Megan Brackett and our Select Board liaison, Douglas Cole.
Vision

- Provide opportunities for people to practice philanthropy.
- Value future generations by taking action today.
- Provide leadership and support to address issues that require capital investment.
- Actively engage people in the planning, preserving, and advancing of Rockport’s future wellbeing.

Legacy Rockport completed its fourth full year of work, following official incorporation as a nonprofit in 2015.

2018-2019 orders of business:

1) Fund and facilitate the restoration of the iconic Andre the Seal statue in Rockport Harbor. The 40-year-old statue of Rockport’s iconic Andre the Seal had cracks in his head and torso; consequently, he received special repair treatment without leaving the waterfront. Legacy Rockport donated $6,500 to the cause, with another $10,000-plus raised from generous contributors.

   Andre is once again in his full glory, overlooking Rockport Harbor, and welcoming the community, and visitors, to Marine Park.

2) Assist Simonton Corner Community Association continue its work in upgrading its community building at Simonton Corner.

3) Pursue a campaign to rehabilitate the historic lime kilns at Marine Park, which are integral to the history of Rockport’s role in helping to build America’s libraries and governmental institutions in Washington, D.C., New York City and Boston.

4) Assist in the effort to preserve the vital historic records and maps of the Town of Rockport.

5) Assist the inaugural Route 1 Relay, a Knox County-wide clean-up of the highway.

Mission Statement

Legacy Rockport, a nonprofit charitable organization whose board of directors are Rockport citizens, provides community leadership to develop resources that maintain and enhance the general quality of life and place of the Town of Rockport; support the fine and performing arts; provide and maintain outdoor recreation and conservation opportunities; and advance the general quality of public education.
The Opera House Committee meets monthly during the year, except during the busy summer months of July and August. Although the town owns the building and Public Works is responsible for either doing the heavy lifting or contracting it out, the Committee serves to provide backup for the part-time house manager and rental agent and the part-time custodian. The Opera House must be cleaned after each performance, and chairs and the stage need to be arranged for the next event. The tech equipment needs to be carefully closed and put away.

The house manager and rental agent books all events and assigns the tech, security, and other personnel needed for each event. Often the manager is there personally, but if he is not available, he adds a person to oversee the event.

This year twenty-six seats were removed from the balcony by order of the fire marshal. Torn chair seats still need to be replaced with ones in repair and painting the floor where chairs were removed also needs to be done. Over the year the brass bollards placed in the balcony were replaced with glass so that all balcony seats could see the stage.

Following the SHAPE safety inspection, it was required that Public Works add rails leading to the stairs where chairs had been removed, and to also extend the opening of the tech booth in the hall, plus other items. To meet the requirements, the house manager and rental agent has assembled 300 pages of safety data to be readily available for future inspections. Keeping a historic building in good condition is a time-consuming pursuit requiring care.

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**Opera House Committee**

Sani Fogel, Chair  
David Jackson, Vice-Chair  
Chris Fasoldt  
William Kelly, Secretary  
Linda M. Greenlaw, Vice-Secretary  
Andrew Weber, House Manager and Rental Agent and Town Representative
Our paramount concern is the preservation of all green space in the Town of Rockport.

During 2018 we were pleased to take part in the following projects:

**Goodridge Park**
A volunteer group including members of the Parks Committee weeded the overgrown area to make this park more inviting as a place to enjoy coffee, conversation, rest and relaxation.

**Mary Lea Park**
A volunteer project was organized by Doug Cole, Select Board chairman, to restore the pathways, replacing the weed fabric and adding pea stone. The Public Works Department assisted by providing the pea stone and doing some of the hard labor.

Decisions pending for Mary Lea Park:
1) whether or not the Parks Committee should recommend adding a pathway from the parking lot below to Central Street above, bisecting the park.
2) whether or not the wood fencing next to the sidewalk by the Opera House should be replaced with wrought iron fencing or granite posts and chain.

**Clam Cove Park**
The Committee considered several options, including whether the town should keep the park, turn it back to the state or close it completely. It was voted to keep Clam Cove Park only if it can be upgraded and maintained, perhaps even closing off the lower part. The motion included tree and brush removal plus structural repairs.

**Uniform Park Bench Policy for all Parks** (to include memorial benches)
After much discussion, it was decided that the Jackson Park Settee (adapted from a Hans Heisted design) would be the selected bench for all Rockport parks. A price was requested from Weatherend and the Committee has recommended that four benches be ordered for Mary Lea Park in 2018/2019. These benches can be sold with the addition of a memorial plaque for an amount TBD. Excess over cost could go to the general fund with the caveat that park expenses, including
The Planning Board is comprised of seven volunteers and up to three alternates, appointed at the discretion of the Select Board. Its charge is to ensure that the applications that come before it comply with the town’s Land Use Ordinance.

The Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month and its meetings are open to the public and broadcast live on community access television.

2018 was a productive year for the Planning Board, which held nine regular meetings and one workshop. Over the course of the year it considered nine preapplication or development reviews, ranging in scope from the expansion of an established retail store, to the creation of a heavy landscaping supply yard, to the reconfiguration of lots in an existing subdivision. The Board also reviewed and revised its bylaws and made recommendations to the Select Board and Ordinance Review Committee for proposed changes to the town’s Land Use Ordinance.

In June the Board recognized retiring member John Alexander for his eight years of service, six of which he served as chair. In July the Board welcomed Joe Sternowski as a voting member and Thomas Laurent as an alternate.

Two members of the Planning Board, Louis Laquaglia and Ted Skowronski, also serve on the Ordinance Review Committee.

In fulfilling its duties the Board was ably supported by Jamie Francomano, William Najpauer, and Hannah Sisk, as well as Scott Bickford.

Looking ahead, the Planning Board will undergo training provided by William Najpauer, consider ways to ensure applicants have fulfilled their obligations to the Board and to the Town and continue to identify ordinances needing revision.

The Board is committed to being receptive and encouraging to new and existing businesses; to operating in a respectful, fair, and efficient manner; and to ensuring applications comply with the Land Use Ordinance.
The Rockport Recreation Committee advises the Select Board and town manager in matters regarding town recreation fields and their use. We also work in concert with other town committees and private community groups that have an interest in, or responsibility for, outdoor spaces within the Town of Rockport.

The committee would like to publicly express our gratitude to John Novak, the CHRHS groundskeeper, for his participation in maintaining the town baseball and softball fields. John has worked with Mike Young at Public Works offering guidance, expertise and his own valuable time to improve and maintain the conditions of the ballfields. John’s guidance has proven to be valuable in prioritizing efforts and expenses to optimize both. The improvements made thus far would have been considerably more difficult without his dedication. This committee has been incredibly thankful for his contributions and looks forward to a continued relationship.

Other improvements at the Marge Jones facility were made possible through the efforts of local Boy Scout Sam Hebert. Sam, having spent many years playing baseball at Marge Jones, decided he wanted to plan an Eagle Scout project that would benefit future ball players. His project included raising money to replace the Babe Ruth scoreboard that hadn’t worked in years. The Babe Ruth teams now have a new digital scoreboard to be proud of. He also orchestrated a volunteer group to clean and paint dugouts, inside and out. The previous coat of paint had been applied by Sam and other Cub Scouts many years before. The final stage of his project included updating the entrance sign at Marge Jones. Little League and Babe Ruth had changed their names years ago to Five Towns, as they expanded rosters to include Hope, Appleton and Lincolnville. The new sign, as well as being eye catching, now reflects those name changes.
The Recreation Committee is pleased to report that the combination of John Novak’s efforts, Sam Hebert’s Eagle Scout project, the financial support from the town and the consistent efforts from Mike Young and the Public Works Department have resulted in significant improvements in the conditions of the recreation facilities. Our future goals include further improvements to the facilities, maintaining positive relationships with people and organizations who use the facilities, and promoting recreation in the community.

The committee meets publicly from March to October on the first Wednesday of each month, at 9:00 a.m. at Midcoast Recreation Center; community members are always welcome.
The Beautification Committee acts as a clearinghouse where many of the stakeholders in Rockport’s natural beauty meet to share ideas about projects and resources that are needed to accomplish the mission. As ideas are generated, the appropriate people and resources are then recruited and the plan is executed. This structure maximizes communication and resource use throughout the town.

In 2018, the Committee initiated and oversaw the following projects:

- Cut brush and cleaned up the hillside near the overlook above Marine Park
- Organized a cleanup in the town landing area and the lobster shack, working with CHRHS students
- Cleaned up and rejuvenated Mary Lea Park and its pathways, including major pruning and weeding, and the addition of new pea stone to the pathways, working with the Rockport Garden Club and other volunteers
- Pruned and weeded Goodridge Park; purchased new outdoor furniture for community enjoyment in Goodridge Park
- Created and planted a new garden area by the post office, which the Rockport Garden Club will continue to plant and maintain
- Restored the sidewalk wall along Main Street
- Worked with architect Steve Smith to design a new entrance to Rockport Village, at the southeast corner of Routes 1 and 90. This project is still underway.

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**Rockport Beautification Committee**

Gretchen Leone, Chair  
Denise Munger, Vice-Chair  
Maggie Timmermann, Secretary  
Richard Remsen  
Steve Smith  
Doug Cole, Select Board Liaison

**Mission Statement**

To foster in town residents, businesses, and employees a spirit of ownership and caring for the town’s infrastructure and landscaping.
The Town of Rockport Safety Committee focuses on safety training for all employees, updating safety policies and addressing all safety issues and concerns for the town.

The Committee wants to ensure all employees are in a safe working environment and are trained in all of their job duties.

All training requirements and inspections are based on the Maine Department of Labor compliance directive for the appropriate department.

Training completed for 2018 was Video Display Terminal, Fire Extinguisher, Sexual Harassment, Situational Awareness, Meth Lab Awareness, Domestic Violence Awareness, Emergency Operations Plan tabletop exercise.

So far for 2019 our topics have been Sexual Harassment, Video Display Terminal (VDT), Fire Extinguisher, and AED Refresher.

The goal is to have the entire Town of Rockport Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) compliant by June 2019. The SHAPE program recognizes public sector employers who maintain an exemplary safety and health management system. Acceptance into SHAPE by the Maine Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Standards is an achievement that distinguishes an organization as a model for workplace safety and health.

Upon receiving SHAPE recognition, our worksite will be exempt from programmed inspections during the period that our SHAPE certification is valid. The Fire Department became SHAPE compliant in May, 2016. The Town Office, Police Department and Library have completed their inspections and passed. We will have our next inspection for Harbor, Opera House and Public Works in March.

In the past year we had one reportable accident and that is down from two the previous year.

One major goal that we are working on completing for 2019 is making necessary adjustments to the Emergency Operations Plan as a result of the table top exercise (simulated disaster situation).

Another goal we have for the upcoming year is to review all of our safety policies and make adjustments as needed.

We have also revived our Wellness Program and have had Holidaze, Managing Stress and Living Well training. In 2019 we will start with a Food is Fuel training.
The Town Manager Search Committee made excellent progress as the team worked toward identifying our next Town Manager. The Committee followed the Charter’s instructions on selecting a Town Manager like a roadmap.

The Charter’s instructions are clear. The Search Committee reviewed all applications once they were all received. From that review, a list of semi-finalists was give the Select Board. The Select Board added candidates to that list from the total pool of applicants. The Committee then wrote questions for the semi-finalists to formally answer in writing. From those responses, the Committee selected a list of candidates that were then interviewed during a ‘virtual’ interview session over the internet. Following that process, the Committee narrowed the finalist candidate list to be not more than five individuals per the Charter.

After the Committee presented the Select Board with its finalist list, the Select Board had the ability to add up to two applicants from the semi-finalists list to the list of finalists. Once the finalists had been selected, the Committee’s work was done. The Select Board then continued the process by interviewing the identified finalists for final selection.
MSAD #28 Superintendent of Schools
BLAZING NEW TRAILS
This year we tried something new – a Remote School Day - and it worked out well thanks to meticulous planning by teachers and administrators, as well as participation by parents and students. Students worked remotely from home during one of our major winter storms, enabling education to flow without interruption. This year we have taken a hard look at how we use time in our school system. Another outcome of that analysis was two different weeks that were email free (internal only). The adults opted for old-fashioned communication by phone or in person instead of managing the daily cascade of emails. The later school start time we initiated two years ago has also proven to be an effective change. Half of our middle schoolers report getting more sleep because of it.

The biggest change in our district is the new middle school project that is humming along. It is going to be an amazing school for our community, but nothing worth its salt ever comes easy! We have faced a number of construction challenges, due mainly to a significant amount of unsuitable soils on our site. This has cost money from the building contingency fund, but we are watching every penny that is being spent. We also recognize the site was not properly prepped to prevent soil erosion last fall and that resulted in unfortunate discharges of silt into the Megunticook River. The site contractor has since put a great deal of effort into erosion control and the site performed well over the winter with its many rainstorms. The building is taking shape and over the next twelve months we will watch the vision that so many in our community contributed to become a reality.

We recognize that next fall’s tax bills will reflect the bond for the MET renovation project, and that it will be a stretch for some families. We appreciate the hard-earned tax dollars that every property owner of these two towns contribute to educating our young people. There is no greater gift one generation can give to another. These monumental building projects will leave a lasting legacy in our community; we thank you for your support.
Five Town CSD Superintendent of Schools  

BLAZING NEW TRAILS

We have been busy blazing new trails at Camden Hills this year. The most exciting initiative we have been working on is The Hatchery, a new Innovation Center. We intend to offer courses, create a makerspace, fund innovative ideas, offer café nights, and host a speaker series. The intent is to allow students to develop their interests and learn the skills of entrepreneurship and innovation. Part of the vision for the Hatchery is for it to become a hub of innovation in our community. In addition, we have been busy working to develop an array of internships with area businesses and organizations. We are working hard to bridge the gap between the school and communities.

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Know that we are constantly looking for ways to improve what we are doing, and we are always considering financial impact. We appreciate the hard-earned tax dollars that every property owner of these five towns contribute to educating our young people. There is no greater gift one generation can give to another.
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Dear Friends,

As I travel Maine, I hear from people who live in every corner of our state. I hear about their achievements, their successes, their work to improve their communities – I hear about the hope they have for our state. I also hear about our challenges, and all the work we have left to do. As I see it, that’s my job: to listen to you, act where I can to build on what’s good, and work on the tough parts. As 2018 comes to a close, I wanted to take a moment to share an update on some of the work we’re doing in Washington to lift up the accomplishments of Maine people and make progress on the challenges they face.

From Portland to Presque Isle, from Milo to Camden, I hear about the pain that the opioid epidemic is inflicting on Maine communities. I’ve met with Maine people in recovery, family members of those struggling with substance use disorders, treatment providers, and law enforcement officials to learn about their experiences with this terrible disease, and everyone agrees that in order to fully respond to these problems, we need a stronger federal effort to end the opioid epidemic. Fortunately, some help is on the way – in October, we overwhelmingly passed a sweeping, bipartisan opioids bill. I’ve pushed hard for this type of legislation and was proud to have provisions I’ve advocated for included in the bill. These priorities have been guided by the voices of Maine people, and we’ll keep working to confront this tragic problem.

I’ve also worked to strengthen the future of our forest economy. Maine’s forests have powered our state’s economy for generations, especially in our rural communities. So, when rapid shifts in the market led to the closure of many pulp and paper mills and biomass power plants, it required a collaborative approach to support future growth in this important industry. That’s why, together with the other members of the state’s Congressional delegation, I pushed to establish the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT). This integrated, multiagency effort aims to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine’s forest economy, and we’re already seeing the benefits: in recent months, several forest industry businesses have announced significant investments into Maine operations, and in September 2018, the Forest Opportunity Roadmap (FOR)/Maine released an action plan to make sure this industry, and the rural communities it supports, can continue to thrive for generations to come.

As I close this letter, please allow me to express my gratitude to each of you – for your dedication to our state, and to one another. It’s often said that Maine is like a big small town (with very long streets) — that’s because at our heart, we’re one big community. It’s not only a pleasure to serve you – it’s a pleasure to know you. Thank you for being the reason Maine is so special. Mary and I hope that 2019 will be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our great State.

Best,

Angus S. King
United States Senator
Dear Friends and Residents,

It’s a privilege to serve as your State Representative, to be your advocate in the State House and to help advance legislation that improves life in our towns and in our state.

During this first session of the 129th Legislature we’ve been considering more than 2,000 separate pieces of legislation covering a wide variety of topics. I was pleased to submit bills on issues relating to transportation, taxation, child safety, energy and the environment, all based on conversations with constituents. Top priorities of the Legislature and our new Governor include expanding health care coverage, bringing relief from the opioid crisis, expanding access to renewable energy, reducing student debt, fighting and dealing with the effects of climate change, repairing our roads and bridges, increasing protections for workers and consumers, getting prescription drug costs under control, improving life for our veterans, protecting the independence of seniors and making sure we are caring for our neighbors with disabilities.

We are also balancing the state budget for the next two years and the Legislature is working to do so in a way that restores revenue sharing funds for all Maine towns, lowers taxes and respects the mandate of the voters to properly fund public education.

I serve on the Energy, Utilities and Technology Committee, where we tackle policy relating to energy resources, efficiency and conservation, natural gas, renewables, Maine’s energy mix, telecommunications, emergency services and water and sewer utilities. I’m also an active member of the Coastal and Climate Change Caucus, a bipartisan, bicameral group working to effect change on topics critical to our coast and harbors, ranging from sea level rise to ocean acidification.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I strive to work with and get to know all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we’re doing the best job we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

It’s been my pleasure to connect with many of you, and I’ve enjoyed attending a wide variety of events in our district and around the state. Please keep in touch with any ideas, questions or concerns. My email is vdoudera@gmail.com and my phone number is (207) 542-1990. I send out a periodic email newsletter, too, so please reach out so I can include you in my mailings.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Representative.

Sincerely,

Victoria Doudera
Dear Friends and Residents of Rockport,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your state senator. I’m honored to have been chosen to represent the residents of Rockport in Augusta, and I promise to work hard on your behalf.

I have been appointed to chair the Marine Resources Committee. During this legislative session, I will work to protect our marine resources so they are sustainable for future generations. Our fisheries contribute millions to our economy each year, and the hard working men and women of our coastal economy deserve the strongest support we can provide.

I will also continue my work to make Maine a leader in new energy technologies. We have not yet taken the bold steps necessary to seriously pursue a true renewable energy economy, but we have a real chance to make substantial progress toward that goal. It’s time to move forward on smart solar energy policies, creating good paying jobs right here in Maine and supplying clean energy for people across the state.

If you have any concerns or ideas for legislation, I am always available. Please feel free to call or email me anytime. We face challenges, but with this group of smart, talented and committed lawmakers, I’m hopeful we can get things done. While we may not always agree, I am always willing to listen to and learn from all sides.

I can be reached at (207) 287-1515 or David.Miramant@legislature.maine.gov. I also encourage you to sign up to receive my regular legislative updates. Go to www.mainesenate.org to join my mailing list.

I look forward to working with you in 2019!

Sincerely,

Dave Miramant
State Senator
Dear Friends,

I hope this message finds you well. I am honored to represent you and your family and am grateful for the chance to offer both an update from Congress and my thoughts on the year ahead.

In Maine, we care less about political parties than about getting the job done. That’s why I’m happy to report several recent victories I had reaching across the aisle to address issues important to our state.

Signed into law after months of deadlock, the 2018 Farm Bill contained several provisions I introduced. We were able to boost local food investment and organic research programs that are important to the Maine farmers driving a resurgence in our agricultural economy. The bill also created a pilot program to help doctors write prescriptions and offer vouchers to patients who need to change their diet but can’t afford fresh food. Finally, the legislation included several steps I introduced to reduce food waste, a national problem that is not only costly to the environment and economy, but a missed opportunity to help millions of Americans who don’t have enough to eat.

At the end of 2018, the President signed into law legislative language I introduced to assist veterans who had been blindsided by debt with the Department of Veterans Affairs. After hearing from several veterans who did not receive mailings about their debt until it was too late to take action, I introduced a bill to require the VA to improve its notification system. The final legislation requires that veterans have the option of getting electronic notifications and that the VA report on the underlying issues.

And on the House Appropriations Committee, I worked to protect programs that our state relies on, such as small business grants, rural broadband investment, effective responses to the opioid epidemic, shipbuilding at Bath Iron Works, and more.

As a new Congress gets underway, I will keep working with Republicans to make progress on key issues like these. But with Democrats now in the majority, I look forward to having an open debate on problems that have been ignored for too long. This includes the gun violence plaguing our nation, the dangers climate change presents to our country, crushing student loan debt, the influence of big money in politics, and the need for all Americans to access affordable health care and prescriptions.

In Washington and Maine, my offices stand ready to answer your questions, listen to feedback, and assist with federal issues and agencies. My hard-working staff helps many hundreds of constituents every year and I welcome the chance to serve you.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree
Member of Congress
Dear Friends,

It is an honor to represent Maine in the United States Senate. I am grateful for the trust the people of our state have placed in me and welcome this opportunity to share some key accomplishments from this past year.

As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, I worked to help ensure the well-being of our seniors. The SeniorSafe Act I authored became law last year and is empowering banks, credit unions, and other financial institutions to better protect seniors from financial fraud.

Following extensive committee investigations of prescription drug pricing, additional legislation I crafted became law, ending the egregious practice of pharmacy “gag clauses” that prevented pharmacists from informing patients on how to pay the lowest possible price.

This year, I was also successful in securing an extra $425 million for Alzheimer’s research—the largest funding increase ever—bringing the total to $2.34 billion. Additionally, the bipartisan BOLD Act I authored will create public health infrastructure to combat Alzheimer’s by promoting education, early diagnosis, and improved care management.

More than 40 million Americans—including 178,000 Mainers—are caregivers for parents, spouses, children, and other loved ones with disabilities or illnesses, such as Alzheimer’s. The RAISE Family Caregivers Act I authored was signed into law last year, giving caregivers more resources and training to better balance the full-time job of caregiving. Another law I wrote will help grandparents who are raising grandchildren, largely due to the opioid addiction crisis.

In addition to helping seniors, a major accomplishment over the past year is the increased federal investment in biomedical research that is leading to progress in the fight against numerous devastating diseases. Congress has boosted funding for the National Institutes of Health by $7 billion in just the last three years, bringing total funding to more than $39 billion.

One of my highest priorities as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee is to improve our nation’s crumbling infrastructure and ensure that Maine’s needs are addressed. Since the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Transportation Grants program, formerly known as TIGER, was established in 2009, I have secured $160 million for vital transportation projects throughout Maine.

Congress also delivered a Farm Bill last year, which includes many important provisions that will help the agriculture industry in Maine and across the country. Specifically, I secured provisions that will strengthen support for young farmers, improve local farm-to-market efforts, and increase funding for organic research.

Congress took decisive action to address the opioid addiction epidemic. In addition to appropriating $8.5 billion in federal funding last year, Congress enacted the SUPPORT for Patients and Communities Act, a comprehensive package that embraces the multipronged approach I have long advocated for this epidemic: prevention, treatment, recovery, and enforcement to stop drug trafficking.

Maine plays a key role in ensuring a strong national defense. In 2018, Congress provided funding for five ships to be built at Bath Iron Works, which will help to keep our nation safe and provide our skilled shipbuilders a steady job. I also secured more than $162 million for infrastructure projects at Portsmouth Naval Shipyard to support their important work to overhaul Navy submarines.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. In December 2018, I cast my 6,834th consecutive vote, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact one of my state offices or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2019 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator
Dear Friends:

It was the highest honor of my life to take the oath of office to become Maine’s 75th governor. Over the next four years, I will do everything in my power to make Maine the safe, beautiful, prosperous state we all want for our children and grandchildren.

That is why on my first day in office I directed the Maine Department of Health and Human Services to implement Medicaid expansion as quickly and efficiently as possible. My Administration will ensure that it is paid for sustainably; that the cost of health insurance is controlled; and that the cost of prescription drugs is reined in. In addition to creating a Director of Opiate Response to marshal the collective power and resources of state government to stem the tide of the opioid epidemic, we will make Narcan widely available, increase access to medication assisted treatment and recovery coaches, and expand drug courts.

We also need a healthy environment. My Administration will embrace clean energy; change our modes of transportation; weatherize homes and businesses; and reach a goal of 50 percent of our energy coming from Maine renewable resources. By reducing the impacts of climate change, we will create good-paying jobs, preserve our environment, and protect our state’s farming, fishing, and forestry industries.

We will also develop a world-class workforce starting with Pre-K for every 4-year-old in Maine and more post-high school options that result in a valued credential. Attracting talented young people to move here and make Maine their home will be top priorities of my Administration.

Maine communities, especially rural communities, are confronting a severe workforce shortage and an aging and declining population. It is time for bold, dynamic ideas that will change Maine for the better. That is why I, along with people ranging from small business owners, innovators and entrepreneurs, to economists and every day, hard-working Mainers, developed an economic plan designed to make it easier for small businesses to grow, for people to come and stay, and for Maine to thrive.

I welcome your ideas. We are all in this together. We all want Maine to have a beautiful environment, happy people, and prosperous communities.

Thank you,

Janet T. Mills
Governor
## SUPPLEMENTAL TAXES AND ABATEMENTS

### ABATEMENTS
January 1, 2018 – December 31, 2018

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To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office, of the said Town of Rockport, on Tuesday, the 12th day of June, 2018 at 8:00 o’clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o’clock in the evening to vote on Articles 1 through 12 at which time the meeting will adjourn. The adjourned meeting will be reopened on Wednesday, the 13th day of June, 2018 at the Rockport Opera House, at 7:00 o’clock in the evening, then and there to act on the remaining articles in the warrant.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect:
   a. Two Select Board members and overseers of the poor for three-year terms.
   b. One Select Board member and overseers of the poor for a one-year term.
   c. Three Budget Committee members for three-year terms.
   d. Two Library Committee members for three-year terms.
   e. One Director of SAD #28 and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board for a three-year term.
   f. One Director of SAD #28 and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board for a one-year term.

Article 3. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance at Section 200 to update the Zoning Map, including clarifications of building footprint limitations in the 906 and 907 Mixed Business/Residential zoning districts,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain   RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain     RECOMMEND
**Article 4.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance at Section 300 to revise the definitions of Industrial, Medical Office, Tradesman’s Shop, and other uses,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
RECOMMEND

**Article 5.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance at Section 917 to revise the uses for which a Special Exception is required in various zoning districts,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
RECOMMEND

**Article 6.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance at Sections 300 and 918 to revise the definition of Congregate Housing and to reduce the minimum lot area required per bedroom for this type of housing in various zoning districts,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
RECOMMEND

**Article 7.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance at Section 918 reducing the minimum lot area per dwelling unit for Multifamily uses connected to public sewer in various zoning districts,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
RECOMMEND

**Article 8.** Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance deleting and replacing Section 703.3 ‘Special Exceptions,’ with a new Section 919 ‘Conditional Uses,’ removing jurisdiction from the Zoning Board of Appeals to the Planning Board; simplifying criteria for approval, and making minor revisions for consistency with these changes throughout the Ordinance,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  
RECOMMEND
Article 9. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Land Use Ordinance, making minor corrections and clarifications throughout,” be enacted?

Planning Board Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 10. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Coastal Waters and Harbor Ordinance allowing ‘Special Exceptions’ from certain requirements upon a recommendation from the Harbor Committee and approval by the Select Board, and making minor revisions throughout,” be enacted?

Harbor Committee Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for General Government for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:

A. Administration .................................................................................................................. $40,725
B. Town Manager .................................................................................................................. $321,760
C. Town Clerk .................................................................................................................... $232,980
D. Planning & Community Development ........................................................................... $213,710
E. Finance ............................................................................................................................. $146,096
F. Assessing ....................................................................................................................... $228,102
G. Town Office Building .................................................................................................... $159,302
H. Insurance ....................................................................................................................... $72,128

Total ..................................................................................................................................... $1,414,803

Budget Committee Votes: 6 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 3 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Assistance for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:

A. General Assistance .......................................................................................................... $27,145

Total ..................................................................................................................................... $27,145

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:
A. Police Department .......................................................... $631,563
B. Fire Department ............................................................... $500,728
C. West Rockport Fire Station ............................................... $5,519
D. Other Public Safety Services .......................................... $318,567
E. Animal Control ................................................................. $5,349
F. Harbormaster ................................................................. $173,760
G. Public Safety Building ................................................... $34,755
H. Emergency Management .................................................. $3,060

Total .................................................................................. $1,673,301

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:
A. Public Works ................................................................. $1,739,231
B. Sanitation ........................................................................... $161,141

Total .................................................................................. $1,900,372

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 3 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:
A. Library ............................................................................ $436,852
B. Conservation Commission .............................................. $9,041
C. Parks .............................................................................. $55,810
D. Opera House .................................................................... $115,325
E. Library Building (1 Limerock) .......................................... $2,851
F. Recreation .......................................................................... $54,950

Total .................................................................................. $674,829

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:
A. Debt .................................................................................................................. $172,905

Total.................................................................................................................. $172,905

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:
A. County Service, E-911 .................................................................................. $65,984
B. County Service, Dispatch ............................................................................. $32,512

Total.................................................................................................................. $98,496

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries and Special Assessments for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:
A. Cemeteries ...................................................................................................... $75,708
B. Special Assessments ...................................................................................... $6,800

Total.................................................................................................................. $82,508

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Provider Agencies for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:
A. Provider Agencies ........................................................................................... $3,500

Total.................................................................................................................. $3,500

Budget Committee Votes: 6 For, 2 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as Revenue from the following sources to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2018/2019 fiscal year:

A. General Government.................................................................$1,105,191
B. Public Assistance.........................................................................$12,880
C. Public Safety...............................................................................$279,753
D. Public Works...............................................................................$81,450
E. Culture and Recreation .................................................................$114,859
F. All Other – Cemeteries .................................................................$5,350
G. Unassigned Fund Balance .........................................................$345,765
H. Special Assessments...................................................................$127,000

Total...............................................................................................$2,072,248

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes:  4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2018/2019 budget to be taken from fund balance?

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes:  4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?

Budget Committee Votes: 8 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes:  4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

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Select Board Votes:  4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
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Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 25.** To see if the Town will vote to set October 15, 2018 and April 16, 2019 as the tax installment due dates.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

**Article 26.** To see if the Town will vote to set October 16, 2018 and April 17, 2019 as the tax delinquency dates and to fix the rate of interest on delinquent taxes at 7.00% interest per year.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

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Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

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Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

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Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND
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Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

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Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain

RECOMMEND

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to enter into a standard agreement with taxpayers establishing a "tax club" payment plan for commercial and/or residential real estate property taxes, whereby:

(1) The taxpayer agrees to pay specified monthly payments to the Town based on his/her estimated and actual tax obligation for current year real estate property taxes;
(2) The Town agrees not to charge interest on timely payments made pursuant to the tax club agreement;
(3) The Town authorizes the collector to accept tax club payments for current year taxes which may be due prior to the commitment of those taxes;
(4) The agreement is automatically terminated if a scheduled payment is late, and the taxpayer then becomes subject to the same due date(s) and interest date(s) and rate as other taxpayers who are not participating in the tax club;
(5) Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
(6) Taxpayers wishing to participate in the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the Town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain
Kenneth McKinley, Chair

Owen Casas, Vice-Chair

Douglas Cole

Mark Kelley

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk
To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine.

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport, in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office of the said Town of Rockport on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2018, at 8:00 o’clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o’clock in the evening to vote on the following articles:

**Article 1.** To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to:

1. Approve the design, site preparation, construction and equipping of a new library building, including all other expenses reasonably related thereto (the “Project”);

2. Authorize the Select Board to accept grants/donations for the Project and, appropriate the total amount of grants/donations for the costs of the Project;

3. Appropriation the sum of $1,500,000 as funds for the costs of the Project to be funded through general obligation bonds; and

4. Authorize the Select Board to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Rockport, Maine, including future refunding obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $1,500,000 subject to the condition that the Select Board make a finding that sufficient grants, donations and/or donation commitments have been made in order to move forward with the Project?

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Total Town Indebtedness:**

A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: $2,147,889
B. Bonds authorized and unissued: $0
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved: $1,500,000
   Total: $3,647,889

**Costs:**

At an estimated interest rate of 3.32% for an estimated 20-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

- Principal: $1,500,000
- Interest: $587,299
- Total Debt Service: $2,087,299
Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

Budget Committee Votes: 4 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Richard C. Bates, Treasurer
Town of Rockport

Article 3.
To see if the Town will vote to:

Authorize the Select Board to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Rockport, Maine, including future refunding obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $300,000 for the design, construction and equipping of a new library building at 1 Limerock Street, including all expenses reasonably related thereto (the “Project”), subject to the condition that the Select Board make a finding that this general obligation bond is prudent?

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Total Town Indebtedness:
A. Bonds outstanding and unpaid: $ 2,147,889
B. Bonds authorized and unissued: $ 0
C. Bonds to be issued if this Article is approved: $ 300,000
   Total: $ 2,447,889

The Select Board will only choose to issue this bond if it decides the private donations to be paid over the following three years are sufficient to repay it.

Costs:
At an estimated interest rate of 4% for an estimated 3-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:
Principal: $ 300,000
Interest: $ 24,313
Total Debt Service: $ 324,313

Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nevertheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.
Article 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Polystyrene take-out food containers” be enacted?

Section 1. Purpose of the Article

WHEREAS, the Town has a duty to protect the natural environment; and

WHEREAS, expanded Polystyrene Packaging has a harsh environmental impact on a local and global scale, including greenhouse gas emissions, litter, and harm to wildlife; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Rockport to protect the environment and natural resources by prohibiting the distribution and use of disposable expanded polystyrene cups, plates, bowls, coolers, and food containers and to require the use of food containers made of other materials associated with all takeout foods defined in this section; and

WHEREAS, the Town through its policies, programs, and laws supports efforts to reduce the environmental impact of waste by supporting the State waste management hierarchy to reduce, reuse, recycle, compost, and landfill.

Section 2. Definitions

As used in this Ordinance the following terms have the following meanings:

Expanded Polystyrene Packaging means any containers, including coolers, that are made of expanded polystyrene foam and used to package both food and beverage for both onsite and offsite consumption. It does not include expanded polystyrene meat trays or other polystyrene packaging used to transport raw and/or uncured meat, poultry, and fish from all food stores.

Retail Vender means any person, restaurant, store, shop, or other establishment, including any grocery store, convenience store, or delicatessen, which offers prepared food for retail sale to the ultimate consumer for direct use or consumption and not for re-sale.

Section 3. Prohibitions

A. No retail vender in the Town shall serve or sell prepared food in expanded polystyrene packaging;

B. The Town shall not use expanded polystyrene foam food or beverage containers at any Town facility or Town sponsored event; and

C. All parties who contract with the Town shall be prohibited from using expanded polystyrene packaging for food and beverage use within the Town or at Town sponsored events.
Section 4. Violations and Enforcement

A. The Town Manager and his/her designee(s) shall have the primary responsibility for the enforcement of this Ordinance.

B. For the first six months following the implementation of this Ordinance, the Town Manager shall issue verbal warnings to retail vendors in violation of this Ordinance.

C. Following this six-month period, if the Town Manager and his/her designee(s) determine a violation of this article has occurred, he/she shall issue a written Notice to the retail vendor and order compliance with this Ordinance within ten days of the issuance of the Notice.

D. Subsequent violations after the initial warning. Notice shall be subject to the penalties put forth below. Violations of this Ordinance shall be punishable by fines and reimbursed legal fees as follows:

1. A fine not exceeding $250 for each violation, in the aggregate not to exceed $1500.00 in a one-year period; and

2. Reimbursement of the Town's legal fees and costs for prosecution of each violation.

Section 5. Permitted Expanded Polystyrene containers

Nothing in this Ordinance shall be construed to prohibit customers from using containers of any type that the customer owns. Customers will not be in violation if they bring their own container of any type to use in carrying away food from a retail vendor.

Section 6. Severability

If any part or provision of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, the remainder of this Ordinance, including the application of such part or provision to other persons or circumstances, shall not be affected thereby and shall continue in full force and effect. To this end, the provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

Section 7. Effective Date

The provisions of this Ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2019.

Select Board Votes:  5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain   RECOMMEND

Date: September 10, 2018
Richard C. Bates, Treasurer
Town of Rockport

Date: September 10, 2018

Douglas Cole, Chair

Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair

Mark Kelley

Debra Hall

Jeffrey Hamilton

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk
To: Randy Gagne, Constable of the Town of Rockport, in the County of Knox, State of Maine

Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the voters of the Town of Rockport in said County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Rockport Town Office, of the said Town of Rockport, on Tuesday, the 11th day of June, 2019 at 8:00 o’clock in the forenoon to 8:00 o’clock in the evening to vote on Articles 1 through 10 at which time the meeting will adjourn. The adjourned meeting will be reopened on Wednesday, the 12th day of June 2019 at the Rockport Opera House, at 7:00 o’clock in the evening, then and there to act on the remaining articles in the warrant.

Article 1. To elect a moderator to preside at said meeting.

Article 2. To elect:
   a. One Select Board members and overseers of the poor for three-year terms.
   b. Three Budget Committee members for three-year terms.
   c. One Budget Committee member for one-year term.
   d. Two Library Committee members for three-year terms.
   e. One Director of SAD #28 and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board for a three-year term.

Article 3. Shall an Ordinance entitled “Local Food Sovereignty Ordinance” be enacted?

   Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 4. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance Limiting Home Cultivation of Marijuana for Personal Adult Use” be enacted?

   Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 5. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Coastal Waters and Harbor at Section 202 to add a new definition for resident,” be enacted?

   Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Article 6. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Coastal Waters and Harbor at Section 503.1 to revise the requirements for moorings,” be enacted?

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 7. Shall an ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Coastal Waters and Harbor at Section 507 to add winter mooring specifications,” be enacted?

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 8. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Ordinance amending the Town of Rockport Coastal Waters and Harbor at section 601.9 to establish requirements for encapsulated polystyrene floatation,” be enacted?

Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to approve the sale of a portion of Town owned land located at Map 018 Lot 077, as depicted on the plan on file at the Rockport Town Office, located behind the West Rockport Fire Station, to the abutter, Nelson M Tolman, for One Dollar and land exchanged, for the purpose of clarifying the common boundary and improving the town owned lot configuration for siting a new Fire Station at that location.

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Article 10. Shall the Town:

(1) Approve the design, site preparation, and construction of a sewer line extension from Sea Light Lane to South Street along Route 1, including all other expenses reasonably related thereto (the “Project”);
(2) Appropriate the sum of $4,500,000 as funds for the costs of the Project to be funded through general obligation bonds; and
(3) Authorize the Select Board to issue, at one time or from time to time, general obligation securities of the Town of Rockport, Maine, including future refunding obligations, in an aggregate principal amount not to exceed $4,500,000

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
Total Town Indebtedness:

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Costs:

At an estimated interest rate of 2% for an estimated 20-year maturity, the estimated costs of this bond issue will be:

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Validity: The validity of the bonds and the voters’ ratification of the bonds may not be affected by any errors in the above estimates. If the actual amount of the total debt service for the bond issue varies from the estimate, the ratification by the electors is nonetheless conclusive and the validity of the bond issue is not affected by reason of the variance.

S/ ___________________________, Town Treasurer

Budget Committee Votes:  7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Article 11.  To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for General Government for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A.  Administration .................................................. $77,505
B.  Town Manager .................................................. $332,060
C.  Town Clerk ...................................................... $242,270
D.  Planning & Community Development ......................... $203,253
E.  Finance ............................................................ $183,275
F.  Assessing .......................................................... $208,286
G.  Town Office Building ......................................... $156,607
H.  Insurance .......................................................... $79,092

Total........................................................................ $1,482,348

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 3 For, 1 Against, 1 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 12.  To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Assistance for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A.  General Assistance ............................................. $27,930

Total........................................................................ $27,930

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 4 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 13.  To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A.  Police Department ............................................. $605,495
B.  Fire Department ................................................. $545,880
C.  West Rockport Fire Station ................................ $5,979
D.  Other Public Safety Services ................................. $319,037
E.  Animal Control ..................................................... $5,864
F.  Harbormaster ...................................................... $202,855
G.  Public Safety Building ......................................... $39,800
H.  Emergency Management ..................................... $6,060

Total........................................................................ $1,730,970

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A. Public Works ...........................................................................$1,786,900
B. Sanitation ..............................................................................$169,350

Total .........................................................................................$1,956,250

Budget Committee Votes: 6 For, 1 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A. Library ...................................................................................$447,009
B. Conservation Commission ......................................................$9,645
C. Parks ....................................................................................$81,765
D. Opera House ........................................................................$126,220
E. Library Building (1 Limerock) ...................................................$300
F. Recreation ............................................................................$56,181

Total .........................................................................................$721,120

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A. Debt ......................................................................................$190,448

Total .........................................................................................$190,448

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A. County Service, E-911 .............................................................$70,042
B. County Service, Dispatch .......................................................$34,512

Total .........................................................................................$104,554

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain RECOMMEND
**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries and Special Assessments for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A. Cemeteries ........................................................................................................... $55,572
B. Special Assessments ........................................................................................... $6,800

Total...................................................................................................................... $62,372

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following as Revenue from the following sources to be used in reducing the property tax assessment for the 2019/2020 fiscal year:

A. General Government................................................................................... $1,223,625
B. Public Assistance ......................................................................................... $13,055
C. Public Safety ................................................................................................. $310,398
D. Public Works ................................................................................................ $177,964
E. Culture and Recreation ................................................................................ $129,692
F. All Other – Cemeteries ............................................................................. $32,700
G. Unassigned Fund Balance ......................................................................... $160,000
H. Special Assessments .................................................................................... $130,000

Total...................................................................................................................... $2,177,434

Budget Committee Votes: 7 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Select Board Votes: 5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of all unexpended balances to fund balance and to authorize the overdrafts that may occur in the Town operations in the 2019/2020 budget to be taken from fund balance?

Budget Committee Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain  RECOMMEND
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Budget Committee Votes: 6 For, 0 Against, 1 Abstain  RECOMMEND
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Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner or in the case of time-share units, reconveyance back to the original owner or the time-share estates association of unit owners; property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Select Board Votes:  5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of wastewater thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit claim deeds for the property. The sale or disposal shall be made only after consultation with the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission, except for the purpose of clearing title or of reconveyance of real estate to the original owner. Property to be disposed of by written policy and on terms the Select Board deem advisable.

Select Board Votes:  5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

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Select Board Votes:  5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

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Select Board Votes:  5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

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Select Board Votes:  5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND

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5. Only taxpayers who do not have outstanding tax obligations for prior tax years are eligible to participate in the tax club program; and
6. Taxpayers wishing to participate in the tax club for a particular property tax year shall enter an agreement with the Town by a publicly-advertised deadline determined by the Tax Collector.

Select Board Votes:  5 For, 0 Against, 0 Abstain  RECOMMEND
Date: April 29, 2019

Kenneth McKinley, Chair

Debra Hall, Vice-Chair

Douglas Cole

Jeffrey Hamilton

Mark Kelley

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS’ REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Town of Rockport
Rockport, Maine

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rockport, Maine as of and for the year ended June 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management’s Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors’ Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity’s preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’s internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates
made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Rockport, Maine as of June 30, 2018, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management’s discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison and pension and OPEB information on pages 4 through 11 and 67 through 71 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Town of Rockport, Maine’s basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.
The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements and capital asset schedules are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated April 22, 2019, on our consideration of the Town of Rockport, Maine’s internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Town of Rockport, Maine’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

RHR Smith & Company

Buxton, Maine
April 22, 2019
The following management’s discussion and analysis of Town of Rockport, Maine's financial performance provides an overview of the Town's financial activities for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the Town's financial statements.

Financial Statement Overview

The Town of Rockport, Maine’s basic financial statements include the following components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also includes required supplementary information which consists of the general fund budgetary comparison schedule, and other supplementary information which includes combining and other schedules.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include financial information in two differing views: the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements. These basic financial statements also include the notes to financial statements that explain in more detail certain information in the financial statements and also provide the user with the accounting policies used in the preparation of the financial statements.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the Town's operations in a manner that is similar to private businesses. These statements provide both short-term as well as long-term information in regards to the Town's financial position. These financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. This measurement focus takes into account all revenues and expenses associated with the fiscal year regardless of when cash is received or paid. The government-wide financial statements include the following two statements:

The Statement of Net Position - this statement presents all of the government’s assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources with the difference being reported as net position.

The Statement of Activities - this statement presents information that shows how the government’s net position changed during the period. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows.
Both of the above mentioned financial statements have separate columns for the two different types of town activities. The types of activities presented for the Town of Rockport are:

- **Governmental activities** - The activities in this section are mostly supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (federal and state grants). Most of the Town's basic services are reported in governmental activities, which include general government, public safety, public works, human services, education, culture and recreation, program expenses and unclassified.

- **Business-type activities** - These activities are normally intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and/or charges to external users for goods and/or services. These activities for the Town of Rockport include the sewer department.

**Fund Financial Statements**

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Town of Rockport, Maine, like other local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with financial related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Town of Rockport, Maine can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

**Governmental funds:** Most of the basic services provided by the Town are financed through governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported in governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources. They also focus on the balance of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information will be useful in evaluating the government’s near-term financing requirements. This approach is known as the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this approach revenues are recorded when cash is received or when susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when liabilities are incurred and due. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Town’s finances to assist in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Town.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government’s near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues,
expenditures and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are presented on the page immediately following each governmental fund financial statement.

The Town of Rockport, Maine presents three columns in the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances. The Town’s major governmental funds are the general fund and the Rockport Library fund. All other funds are shown as nonmajor and are combined in the “Other Governmental Funds” column on these statements.

The general fund is the only fund for which the Town legally adopted a budget. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund provides a comparison of the original and final budget and the actual expenditures for the current year.

Proprietary Funds: The Town of Rockport, Maine maintains one proprietary fund, the sewer department. This fund is used to show activities that operate more like those of commercial enterprises. Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. Like the government-wide financial statements, proprietary fund financial statements use the accrual basis of accounting. No reconciliation is needed between the government-wide financial statements for business-type activities and the proprietary fund financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the Government-Wide and the Fund Financial Statements. The Notes to Financial Statements can be found following the Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds.

Required Supplementary Information

The basic financial statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information, which includes a Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund, a Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, a Schedule of Contributions - Pensions, a Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net OPEB Liability and a Schedule of Contributions - OPEB.

Other Supplementary Information

Other supplementary information follows the required supplementary information. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budgetary Basis - Budget and Actual - General Fund Revenues, Schedule of Departmental Operations - General Fund, combining and
other schedules provide information in regards to nonmajor funds, capital asset activity and other detailed budgetary information for the general fund.

**Government-Wide Financial Analysis**

Our analysis below focuses on the net position, and changes in net position of the Town’s governmental and business-type activities. The Town’s total net position for governmental activities increased by $442,637 from $13,015,044 to $13,457,681. The Town’s total net position for business-type activities decreased by $599,577 from $4,612,778 to $4,013,201.

| Table 1 |
| Town of Rockport, Maine |
| Net Position |
| June 30, |

| | Governmental Activities | Business-type Activities |
| | 2018 | (Restated) | 2018 | 2017 |
| **Assets** | | | | |
| Current Assets | $ 8,136,047 | $ 7,499,964 | $ (211,767) | $ 134,145 |
| Capital Assets | 8,303,590 | 8,382,136 | 4,897,155 | 5,125,371 |
| Total Assets | 16,439,637 | 15,882,100 | 4,685,388 | 5,259,516 |

| **Deferred Outflows of Resources** | | | | |
| Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions | 132,865 | 182,128 | - | - |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | 132,865 | 182,128 | - | - |

| **Liabilities** | | | | |
| Current Liabilities | 622,280 | 677,613 | 193,434 | 106,701 |
| Long-term Debt Outstanding | 2,053,763 | 2,266,383 | 478,753 | 540,037 |
| Total Liabilities | 2,676,043 | 2,943,996 | 672,187 | 646,738 |

| **Deferred Inflows of Resources** | | | | |
| Prepaid Taxes | 338,352 | 44,530 | - | - |
| Deferred Inflows Related to OPEB | 10,026 | - | - | - |
| Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions | 90,400 | 60,658 | - | - |
| Total Deferred Inflows of Resources | 438,778 | 105,188 | - | - |

| **Net Position** | | | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 6,282,209 | 6,138,127 | 4,357,118 | 4,524,168 |
| Restricted | 2,932,377 | 2,784,937 | - | - |
| Unrestricted | 4,243,095 | 4,091,980 | (343,917) | 88,610 |
| Total Net Position | $ 13,457,681 | $ 13,015,044 | $ 4,013,201 | $ 4,612,778 |
Unrestricted net position - the part of net position that can be used to finance day-to-day operations without constraints established by debt covenants, enabling legislation, or other legal requirements – an increased for governmental activities to a balance of $4,243,095 at the end of this year. Unrestricted net position for business-type activities decreased to a deficit balance of $343,917.

Table 2
Town of Rockport, Maine
Change in Net Position
For the Years Ended June 30,

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<th>Governmental Activities</th>
<th>Business-type Activities</th>
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<td>2018</td>
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<td>Revenues</td>
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<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Program revenues:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Charges for services</td>
<td>$ 341,837</td>
<td>$ 367,273</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating grants and contributions</td>
<td>106,755</td>
<td>6,489</td>
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<tr>
<td>General revenues:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Taxes</td>
<td>14,819,925</td>
<td>14,527,619</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs</td>
<td>346,929</td>
<td>407,683</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>690,544</td>
<td>510,624</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfers from other funds</td>
<td>504,329</td>
<td>1,724,069</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Revenues</td>
<td>16,810,319</td>
<td>17,543,757</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenses</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>General government</td>
<td>1,202,976</td>
<td>1,249,154</td>
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<tr>
<td>Public safety</td>
<td>1,415,692</td>
<td>1,335,967</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Public works</td>
<td>1,823,528</td>
<td>1,613,516</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Human services</td>
<td>16,265</td>
<td>16,786</td>
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<tr>
<td>Culture and recreation</td>
<td>537,175</td>
<td>500,402</td>
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<tr>
<td>Education</td>
<td>9,132,629</td>
<td>8,895,585</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest on long-term debt</td>
<td>44,396</td>
<td>43,046</td>
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<tr>
<td>County fees</td>
<td>1,059,031</td>
<td>1,082,307</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital outlay</td>
<td>84,910</td>
<td>943,964</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sewer department</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Program expenses</td>
<td>289,702</td>
<td>286,107</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unclassified</td>
<td>227,457</td>
<td>320,885</td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfers to other funds</td>
<td>533,921</td>
<td>1,331,056</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total Expenses</td>
<td>16,367,682</td>
<td>17,618,775</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Change in Net Position</td>
<td>442,637</td>
<td>(75,018)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Position - July 1, Restated</td>
<td>13,015,044</td>
<td>13,090,062</td>
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<tr>
<td>Net Position - June 30</td>
<td>$ 13,457,681</td>
<td>$ 13,015,044</td>
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</table>
Revenues and Expenses

Revenues for the Town’s governmental activities decreased by 4.18%, while total expenses decreased by 7.10%. For the business-type activities revenues decreased by 5.84% mainly due to a transfer from other funds in fiscal year 2017, while total expenses decreased by 0.93%.

Financial Analysis of the Town’s Fund Statements

Governmental funds: The financial reporting focus of the Town’s governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows and balances of spendable resources. Such information may be useful in assessing the Town’s financial requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government’s financial position at the end of the year, and the net resources available for spending.

Table 3
Town of Rockport, Maine
Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
June 30,

<table>
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<tr>
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<th>2018</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>General Fund:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nonspendable</td>
<td>$</td>
<td>$ 3,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assigned</td>
<td>611,507</td>
<td>355,653</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unassigned</td>
<td>2,643,885</td>
<td>2,637,001</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total General Fund</td>
<td>$ 3,255,392</td>
<td>$ 2,995,654</td>
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<tr>
<td>Rockport Library:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nonspendable</td>
<td>$ 305,969</td>
<td>$ 305,969</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Restricted</td>
<td>643,484</td>
<td>501,968</td>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>$ 949,453</td>
<td>$ 807,937</td>
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<tr>
<td>Nonmajor Funds:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special Revenue Funds:</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Restricted</td>
<td>$ 815,275</td>
<td>$ 867,462</td>
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<tr>
<td>Assigned</td>
<td>8,174</td>
<td>9,322</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital Projects Funds:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Committed</td>
<td>1,165,797</td>
<td>1,270,857</td>
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<tr>
<td>Unassigned</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>-</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Permanent Funds:</td>
<td></td>
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</tr>
<tr>
<td>Nonspendable</td>
<td>540,447</td>
<td>42,293</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Restricted</td>
<td>627,202</td>
<td>1,067,245</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unassigned</td>
<td>(455)</td>
<td>(917)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Total Nonmajor Funds</td>
<td>$ 3,211,079</td>
<td>$ 3,256,262</td>
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</table>
The general fund total fund balance increased by $259,738 from the prior fiscal year. The Rockport Library Fund total fund balance increased by $141,516 from the prior fiscal year. The nonmajor fund total fund balances decreased by $45,183 from the prior fiscal year.

*Proprietary funds:* The Town’s proprietary funds provide the same type of information found in the government-wide financial statements, but in more detail.

The sewer department had a change in net position of ($599,577) for the year ended June 30, 2018.

**Budgetary Highlights**

The significant difference between the original and final budget for the general fund was from applied receipts and utilization of unassigned fund balance.

The general fund actual revenues exceeded budget by $137,447. This was mainly the result of excess receipts in all categories except other intergovernmental revenues and charges for services.

The general fund actual expenditures were under budget by $364,291. All expenditure categories were within or under budget except for unclassified.

**Capital Asset and Debt Administration**

**Capital Assets**

As of June 30, 2018, the net book value of capital assets recorded by the Town decreased by $306,762 from the prior year. The decrease is the result of current year additions of $369,766 less net disposals of $13,226 and current year depreciation expense of $663,302.
Table 4
Town of Rockport, Maine
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)
June 30,

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<tr>
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<th>2017 (Restated)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Land and non-depreciable assets</td>
<td>$ 4,489,762</td>
<td>$ 4,294,826</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Buildings, building improvements and land improvements</td>
<td>1,913,696</td>
<td>1,910,503</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Machinery, equipment and vehicles</td>
<td>1,196,954</td>
<td>1,296,356</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Infrastructure</td>
<td>5,600,333</td>
<td>6,005,822</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 13,200,745</strong></td>
<td><strong>$ 13,507,507</strong></td>
</tr>
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</table>

**Debt**

At June 30, 2018, the Town had $2,185,559 in bonds outstanding versus $2,316,695 last year. Other obligations include capital leases payable, accrued compensated absences, net OPEB liability and net pension liability. Refer to Note 5 of Notes to Financial Statements for more detailed information.

**Currently Known Facts, Decisions, or Conditions**

**Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates**

The Town continues to work toward maintaining a sufficient unassigned fund balance to sustain government operations for a period of approximately two months. However, the Town also maintains significant reserve accounts for future capital and program needs.

**Contacting the Town's Financial Management**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Town's finances and to show the Town's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, the Treasurer for the Town of Rockport can be reached at 101 Main Street, Rockport, Maine 04856.
### Statement of Net Position

**June 30, 2018**

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<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Current assets:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$ 5,128,667</td>
<td>$ 82,380</td>
<td>$ 5,211,047</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td>1,696,318</td>
<td>138,893</td>
<td>1,835,211</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):</td>
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<tr>
<td>Taxes</td>
<td>583,139</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>583,139</td>
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<tr>
<td>Liens</td>
<td>51,808</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>51,808</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>12,884</td>
<td>216,471</td>
<td>229,355</td>
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<tr>
<td>Internal balances</td>
<td>649,511</td>
<td>(649,511)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total current assets</td>
<td>8,136,047</td>
<td>(211,767)</td>
<td>7,924,280</td>
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<td>Noncurrent assets:</td>
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<td>Capital assets:</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Land and other assets not being depreciated</td>
<td>4,073,830</td>
<td>415,932</td>
<td>4,489,762</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buildings and vehicles net of accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>4,229,760</td>
<td>4,481,223</td>
<td>8,710,983</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total noncurrent assets</td>
<td>8,303,590</td>
<td>4,897,155</td>
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<td>TOTAL ASSETS</td>
<td>16,439,637</td>
<td>4,685,388</td>
<td>21,125,025</td>
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**DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

|                        |                         |                          |       |
| Deferred outflows related to pensions | 132,865 | - | 132,865 |
| TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES | 132,865 | - | 132,865 |

**TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES**

|                        |                         |                          |       |
|                        | $ 16,572,502            | $ 4,685,388              | $ 21,257,890 |
### STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

#### JUNE 30, 2018

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<td>Accounts payable</td>
<td>$134,180</td>
<td>$131,094</td>
<td>$265,274</td>
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<td>Accrued liabilities</td>
<td>15,844</td>
<td>1,056</td>
<td>16,900</td>
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<td>Noncurrent liabilities:</td>
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<td>Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:</td>
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<td>Net pension liability</td>
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<td><strong>Total noncurrent liabilities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>478,753</strong></td>
<td><strong>2,532,516</strong></td>
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## TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

### STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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<tr>
<th>Functions/Programs</th>
<th>Expenses</th>
<th>Operating Charges</th>
<th>Operating Grants &amp; Contributions</th>
<th>Capital Grants &amp; Contributions</th>
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<td>53,316</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>38,419</td>
<td>-</td>
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<td>-</td>
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<td>341,837</td>
<td>61,332</td>
<td>45,423</td>
<td>(15,385,169)</td>
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<td>Sewer department</td>
<td>1,482,248</td>
<td>818,408</td>
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<td>818,408</td>
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<td><strong>Total government</strong></td>
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<td>$ 45,423</td>
<td>(15,385,169)</td>
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TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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<td>Taxes:</td>
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<td>Property taxes, levied for general purposes</td>
<td>13,959,690</td>
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<td>Excise taxes</td>
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<td>860,235</td>
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<td>Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs</td>
<td>346,929</td>
<td>-</td>
<td>346,929</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous</td>
<td>690,544</td>
<td>34,671</td>
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<td>Transfers</td>
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<td>Total general revenues and transfers</td>
<td>15,827,806</td>
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<td>15,892,069</td>
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<td>Change in net position</td>
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<td>(599,577)</td>
<td>(156,940)</td>
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<td>4,612,778</td>
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<td>NET POSITION - JUNE 30</td>
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### BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

#### JUNE 30, 2018

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<th>Rockport Library</th>
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<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$ 4,083,179</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Accounts payable</td>
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<td>Due to other funds</td>
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<td>331,515</td>
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<td>1,904,561</td>
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<td>331,515</td>
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<td>3,211,079</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</strong></td>
<td>$ 5,725,756</td>
<td>$ 949,453</td>
<td>$ 3,542,594</td>
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TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2018

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<td>$ 7,415,924</td>
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Total Fund Balances

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

- Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation: $8,303,590
- Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds: $132,865

Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current-period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds shown above:

- Taxes and liens receivable: $225,751
- Other deferred revenues: $1,700

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:

- Bonds payable: $(1,645,522)
- Capital leases payable: $(375,859)
- Accrued compensated absences: $(270,525)
- Net OPEB liability: $(19,108)
- Net pension liability: $(210,709)

Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds: $(10,026)

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds: $(90,400)

Net position of governmental activities: $13,457,681

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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<td>Intergovernmental</td>
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<td>Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)</td>
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<td>74,422</td>
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<td>Public safety</td>
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<td>Interest</td>
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<td><strong>169,422</strong></td>
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<td>86,649</td>
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<td>Transfers (out)</td>
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<td>(27,906)</td>
<td>(180,584)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</strong></td>
<td><strong>(124,682)</strong></td>
<td><strong>(27,906)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES</strong></td>
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<td><strong>141,516</strong></td>
<td><strong>(45,183)</strong></td>
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<td><strong>$949,453</strong></td>
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TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT F

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E)  $ 356,071

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocated those expenditures over the life of the assets:
- Capital asset purchases 369,766
- Capital asset disposals (13,226)
- Depreciation expense (435,086)
  $  (78,546)

Deferred outflows are a consumption of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds (49,263)

Revenues in the Statement of Activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:
- Taxes and liens receivable (13,174)
- Other deferred revenue 200
  $  (12,974)

Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position (82,100)

Repayment of long-term debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position 274,342

Deferred inflows of resources are an acquisition of net position by the government that are applicable to a future reporting period and therefore are not reported in the funds (39,768)

Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:
- Accrued compensated absences (2,624)
- Net OPEB liability 11,278
- Net pension liability 66,221
  $  74,875

Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)  $  442,637

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# TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

## BALANCE SHEET - PROPRIETARY FUNDS

**JUNE 30, 2018**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Enterprise Fund</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>ASSETS</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Current assets:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cash and cash equivalents</td>
<td>$ 82,380</td>
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<tr>
<td>Investments</td>
<td>138,893</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)</td>
<td>216,471</td>
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<td>Total current assets</td>
<td>437,744</td>
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<td>Noncurrent assets:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Capital assets:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Land and other assets not being depreciated</td>
<td>415,932</td>
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<tr>
<td>Buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation</td>
<td>4,481,223</td>
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<td>Total noncurrent assets</td>
<td>4,897,155</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL ASSETS</strong></td>
<td>$ 5,334,899</td>
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<td><strong>LIABILITIES</strong></td>
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<td>Current liabilities:</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accounts payable</td>
<td>$ 131,094</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accrued interest</td>
<td>1,056</td>
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<td>Due to other funds</td>
<td>649,511</td>
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<td>Current portion of long-term obligations</td>
<td>61,284</td>
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<td>Total current liabilities</td>
<td>842,945</td>
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<td>Noncurrent liabilities:</td>
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<td>Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:</td>
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<td>Bonds payable</td>
<td>478,753</td>
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<td>Total noncurrent liabilities</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES</strong></td>
<td>1,321,698</td>
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<td><strong>NET POSITION</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Net investment in capital assets</td>
<td>4,357,118</td>
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<td>Unrestricted (deficit)</td>
<td>(343,917)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL NET POSITION</strong></td>
<td>4,013,201</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION</strong></td>
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TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018

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<td><strong>OPERATING REVENUES</strong></td>
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<td>Charges for services</td>
<td>$818,408</td>
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<td>Miscellaneous income</td>
<td>17,220</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES</strong></td>
<td>835,628</td>
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<td><strong>OPERATING EXPENSES</strong></td>
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<td>Wages and benefits</td>
<td>57,743</td>
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<td>Professional services</td>
<td>8,000</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
<td>2,500</td>
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<td>Materials, supplies, maintenance and chemicals</td>
<td>449,565</td>
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<td>Camden treatment</td>
<td>261,742</td>
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<td>Rockland treatment</td>
<td>136,148</td>
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<td>Samoset treatment</td>
<td>73,899</td>
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<td>Contracted services</td>
<td>211,464</td>
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<tr>
<td>Equipment</td>
<td>32,000</td>
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<td>Depreciation and amortization</td>
<td>228,216</td>
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<tr>
<td>Miscellaneous expenses</td>
<td>17,545</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</strong></td>
<td>1,478,822</td>
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<td><strong>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</strong></td>
<td>(643,194)</td>
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<td><strong>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Transfers in</td>
<td>29,592</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest income</td>
<td>17,451</td>
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<tr>
<td>Interest expense</td>
<td>(3,426)</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</strong></td>
<td>43,617</td>
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<td><strong>CHANGE IN NET POSITION</strong></td>
<td>(599,577)</td>
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<td>NET POSITION - JULY 1</td>
<td>$4,612,778</td>
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<td>NET POSITION - JUNE 30</td>
<td>$4,013,201</td>
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**TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE**

**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

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<td><strong>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Receipts from customers</td>
<td>$ 819,188</td>
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<tr>
<td>Other receipts</td>
<td>17,220</td>
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<tr>
<td>Payments to suppliers</td>
<td>(1,163,991)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
<td>(327,583)</td>
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| **CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES** | |
| Transfers from other funds | (29,592) |
| Principal paid on capital debt | (61,166) |
| Interest paid on capital debt | (3,426) |
| **NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES** | (94,184) |

| **CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES** | |
| Interest income | 17,451 |
| **NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES** | 17,451 |

| **INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS** | (374,724) |

| **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JULY 1** | $ 457,104 |
| **CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JUNE 30** | $ 82,380 |

| **RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES** | |
| Operating income (loss) | $ (643,194) |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: | |
| Depreciation expense | 228,216 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable | 780 |
| Increase (decrease) in accounts payable | 86,615 |
| **NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES** | $ (327,583) |

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Toboggan Races

Jeffrey Hamilton, Select Board
Christopher Taylor, Police Officer
Ben Blackmon, Library Director
Rick Bates, Town Manager

Town Employees doing their part to Keep Rockport Beautiful
Here is all the food that was donated supporting the Camden Rockport Elementary School backpack program.

Pictured is Assessor Kerry Leichtman, Assistant Assessor Caitlin Thompson and Administrative Assistant Hannah Sisk.

A special thank you to the Rockport Public Library for your support as well.

Many thanks to all for organizing this event.

Oshkosh on display at the Annual MMA Conference in Augusta, also in the picture is Jimmy Aldus our Public Works employee.

The truck has spent the last several months at Loring Industries in Limestone for a complete rebuild.
Employee Recognition Barbeque – Hawaiian Style - Service Awards

from left to right

Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster, 10 years
James Aldus, Public Works, 40 years
Greg Howard, Public Works, 30 years
Kevin Grierson, Public Works, 5 years
Jason Peasley, Fire Chief, 5 years
Rick Bates, Town Manager, 5 years

Congratulations!

Police Chief Randy Gagne formally recognized by the 129th Legislature for his 30 years of service in Law Enforcement. Congratulations Randy!
Meet our new Assistant Town Clerk

Wyatt Summers

Sign donated to the Town from Douglas Cole, Select Board
Boston Post Cane Award – Oldest Resident in Rockport

101 Years Old

Annie May Rankin Young Spirio

Flowers Donation from Seasons Downeast Designs and Cupcakes from Laugh Loud Smile Big

Kenneth McKinley, Chair Select Board
Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk
Rick Bates, Town Manager

Kenneth McKinley, presenting the cane
2019 Annual Report
Town of Rockport, Maine

Rockport Town Office
Photo by Hannah Sisk