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2018 Annual Report Town of Rockport, Maine



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2016-2017 Fiscal Year Financial Reports
June 2018 Annual Town Meeting
Warrant and Budget

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Town of Rockport
Welcome New Faces



Officer Jacob Powers
Joined us December 2017



Officer Tony Del Vecchio
Joined us July 2017



Officer Christopher Taylor
Joined us in October 2016



Administrative Assistant
Hannah Sisk
Planning, Codes and Assessing
Joined us July 2017



Administrative Assistant
Molli Bennett
Finance
Joined us October 2017



Administrative Assistant
Brandy Hare
Public Works
Joined us February 2018

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TOWN OF ROCKPORT 2018 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT DEDICATION

ROBERT EDWARD HOPPE



Robert Edward Hoppe was born in Kingfield, Maine on May 21, 1932. His parents are Wheaton and Ethel Hoppe. He grew up in Jay, Maine and graduated from Jay High School in 1952. Robert was in the US Marine Corp for 6 years. He trained at Camp Lejeune in North Carolina before going to Korea. He returned to Maine after his service and settled in Rockport around 1959.

Robert has four children, Bobbi, Penny, Kelly and Michael, seven grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

Robert worked at Kalloch Fuel service, delivering oil, at the Rockport Police Department and at Graffam Bros., trucking lobsters to Canada, Boston and Long Island. He was on the Rockport Volunteer Fire Department, and served on the Rockport Recreation Committee for five years. He currently works for the Town of Rockport, taking care of the Recreation Park on West Street, opening it every morning and closing it every night and making sure it always looks clean. For several years he ran a hot dog stand during ball games. He also works as a caretaker for the property in Camden.

Currently Robert goes to Florida during the winter and comes back to Rockport in the spring. He can be found just about every morning at the Rockport Diner having breakfast when he is here in Rockport.

In dedicating this report to Robert, we thank him for many years of service to the Town and our community.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT 2018 ANNUAL TOWN REPORT MEMORIAM

DOUGLAS LINDER



I am writing this almost a year to the day after Doug Linder passed away – early in the morning of May 7, 2017. To those of you who knew Doug, you are remembering a kind, soft-spoken man who enthusiastically gave his time, intellect and compassion to his community. Doug was active in his church, Rockport and the community at large. We all benefitted from knowing Doug and having him contribute to our lives and the goodness of our community.

Doug served on the Rockport Planning Board, the Board of Assessment Review and the Board of Literacy Volunteers of Mid-Coast Maine, where he also enjoyed being a tutor for twenty years. Doug was an active member of the First Congregational Church of Camden, where he served as a Deacon, a member of the Board of Trustees, a member of the Shields Mission Project Committee and on various other committees. Doug also served his country.

Doug worked for Northrop Aerospace, where he founded Northrop Grumman's Flight Simulation Group. He was later selected to be the proposal manager on a classified Navy program until he switched gears to work on a highly secret program for the US Air Force – the B-2 Stealth Bomber. He became the manager of the Flight Systems Laboratory, which included seven individual laboratories all working to support engineering efforts in flight simulations, avionics, hydraulics, tactics, radar and many more areas of the B-2 technology. At the time of his retirement, Doug was Director of the Flight Simulation and Avionics Integration Laboratories for the B-2 Program.

And Doug was a good husband. His wife, Marianne, wrote to me about missing Doug: “Our memories are ‘treasures’ to me; if it hadn't been so good, it wouldn't be so bad now.”

It has been a year of many changes – few of them for the better. The social dialog has become coarser, the world a bit less stable. We need more kindness, more gently spoken words, not fewer. Rest in peace, Doug Linder, and thank you for being a positive force in our lives. It was our good fortune to have known you.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Main number: (207) 236-9648

The Rockport Town Office is open Monday–Friday, 8:00 a.m.– 5:00 p.m.

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: 8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m. (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: 8:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.	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 - Monday–Saturday: 9:00 a.m.–5:30 p.m. Wednesday: 11:00 a.m.–8 p.m.....	236-3642
Public Works Department – Monday–Friday: 7:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m.	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, 2018	Independence Day
Monday, September 3, 2018	Labor Day
Monday, October 8, 2018	Columbus Day
Monday, November 12, 2018*	Veterans’ Day
Thursday, November 22, 2018.....	Thanksgiving Day
Friday, November 23, 2018	Thanksgiving Friday
Tuesday, December 25, 2018.....	Christmas Day
Monday, January 1, 2019	New Year’s Day
Monday, January 15, 2019	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 19, 2019	Presidents’ Day
Monday, April 16, 2019	Patriots’ Day
Monday, May 28, 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 monroney 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 15, 2018 and Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Mooring Fees/Tie-Off Fees Due: May 1 (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 License Fees Are Due: December 31; a late fee of \$25.00 is assessed as of February 1.

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



Rockport Select Board

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Missing from picture:

Thomas Gray

To the citizens of Rockport,

Your Select Board saw some changes this year with three new members elected at the June 2017 Town elections.

The new board took a little time to get to know one another but is now functioning well together.

With a new board has come some new ideas, and many of these were brought out at our annual goal-setting workshop last summer. Some of these goals have been manifested in the proposed budget for the next fiscal year, such as a renewed emphasis on maintaining our town's buildings and grounds through the Public Works department.

Another goal has been realized with the acceptance of the Keep Rockport Beautiful group as an official town committee to advise the Select Board on issues related to the appearance of our town. This group has done remarkable work over the past few years in picking up trash along our roadways, and now will be able to impact other aspects of the appearance of our town, primarily by mobilizing community-minded volunteers and working with other town committees.

Last year we reported on progress with ongoing infrastructure projects funded by a bond issue approved in 2015, and this year we can report that the high sidewalk on Pascal Avenue has been completed. Also connected with infrastructure, we are considering the future of the West Rockport Fire Station and in the coming year will recommend a way to move forward with that asset which will support the fire protection efforts of the town for many years to come.

An unexpected expense cropped up this year when a bridge on Annis Lane was found to be in dangerously poor condition. A plan was quickly developed to replace the bridge, which strained the budget a bit, and will mean that there will be little money left at the end of the fiscal year to return to the fund balance. This was an issue of public safety, though, and could not be deferred. Thanks to great work from our public works department, fire and police departments, and our town manager, this project was completed in a timely manner with a minimum of disruption to the residents. Speaking of the residents, we want to acknowledge their tremendous cooperation in dealing with this difficult situation.

The new board has tackled the issue of your Rockport Public Library, and thanks in part to the previous board's decision to conduct a comprehensive, independent survey of the town on that issue, we are now developing a plan for a new library which will be presented to voters in June. The plan has been formulated with input from the survey, and we would like to thank all who took

the time to thoughtfully complete the survey and return it. The response rate was far above what is typically received for a survey like this, and that has been very helpful.

We had a great celebration of the 125th anniversary of the historic Rockport Opera House in 2017. which included musical performances, special displays, and a big birthday cake! Many thanks to the volunteer committee who worked so long and hard on that event.

We thank our Town Manager Rick Bates for another great year, and express our appreciation 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.

We are also very 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. Please take the time to read their reports to get a better idea of the work that these groups do. As you look over these reports, please consider how you could volunteer to serve. Our town cannot function effectively without the work of these committees, commissions and boards.

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
Owen Casas, vice-chair
Douglas Cole
Thomas Gray
Mark Kelley



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Town Manager is to deliver professional, effective and efficient services; to provide responsible management and oversight of all municipal departments and the annual budget; to encourage public participation in Town committees and governmental processes; to promote economic development; and to preserve Rockport's quality of life.

To the Members of the Rockport Select Board and the Citizens of Rockport,

The past year has been extremely busy with both challenging problems and outstanding successes to celebrate. None of the work we accomplish would be possible without our hardworking and dedicated employees, as well as committed and proactive Select Board members.

This year there was a major change in the membership of the Select Board that brought three new members to the Board. This type of change does not happen often as Board members are on staggered terms, meaning that under normal circumstances there are never more than two new board members at a time. In this case, due to a midterm resignation of one of the members, there were three seats up for election.

Doug Cole and former Police Chief Mark Kelly were each elected for three-year terms. Tom Gray was elected for a two-year term to fill the vacated seat created when Brendan Reardon resigned from his three-year term. It meant a steep learning curve for those coming on, but I am happy to say that the Board was dedicated to picking up the work and moving forward.

The Town is in an excellent financial position, with our un-assigned fund balance being above the charter required amount of 12% but somewhat below the three-month expenditure balance, as recommended by our auditor.

We have done a good job funding reserves for capital projects and last year we finished an update to the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The CIP looks at expenditures that are expected in the coming years. The revision considers expenditures that might be smaller but add up to a large outlay of dollars.

For example, consider computers and technology. In themselves, these items are relatively low in cost, but every three to five years, 39 computers need to be replaced, which adds up quickly. To meet this replacement, we make an annual deposit to the computer reserve in the amount of \$17,000. We find ourselves in the same position for many other items in the CIP, which underlines

why planning for replacement is so important. The complete CIP plan can be found at the end of the budget document, and on the town website.

This year we changed auditors, which gave us a whole new set of eyes looking at our finances and financial policies. The new auditor didn't find any material defects in the way we do business but did make a number of recommendations that will improve our security and internal controls of how we protect your money. These improvements are being implemented now.

This past year we decided to submit our annual budget for the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) Distinguished Budget Award. When we started the process, we figured it would take us a few times to improve our budget enough to be recognized. We did it on our first submission. Only three budgets in Maine have been recognized with this award and Rockport is one of them! This is a tremendous honor and is a credit to the hard work of our Finance Director, Megan Bracket. We have begun working on our certificate of achievement for financial reporting.

For more detailed information about the town's financial status, please see my manager's letter in the annual budget.

While we have not seen a lot of new growth as a result of new buildings in Town, our assessor was able to find about \$10 million in new value by focusing on the public utilities assessment (CMP) as well as the value of the many timeshares we have in Town. This is a lot of work but helps keep mil rate increases down to some extent.

The Town Clerk's office continues to be a major point of contact for every person that lives in Rockport. I am happy to say that we began offering credit card payments in the Town Clerk and Tax Collector's Office and hope to be doing online registrations and licensing soon.

Our Public Works crew are always busy and are extremely dedicated and hard working. As it happens every winter, they spend many hours in the seat of a truck keeping our roads clear. This year was no exception. This year, crews were called into plow on Christmas Eve through Christmas Day. Thankfully this doesn't happen often, but our crew does it without complaint.

The high sidewalk on Pascal that was funded by the infrastructure bond in 2016 was completed during the early summer of 2017 and a new railing installed. It is completely new and handicap accessible, so it is safe and widely used by residents and visitors. Although power was not installed, a conduit was, so that at some point running wire and lights will be easy.

We completed a sewer extension going North from the intersection of Route 1 and 90 towards Camden. This expansion will allow the businesses on that section of road to expand and bring additional tax base to the Town.

The Summer Street reconstruction project was finally completed after some problems with drainage and pitch of the road on the steep part of the hill, which was keeping the water from running to the newly-installed catch basins.

The new sidewalk on Route 1 and West Street was completed last spring to allow pedestrian access across Route 1. This was part of a larger long-term plan to extend sidewalks along Route 90 to the Erickson Preserve and the schools. Due to some work that DOT was doing at the intersection

of 1 and 90, completion was earlier than planned but completing that work as part of DOT's upgrade saved the Town about \$40,000.00 in changes to the signals later.

Over the years a considerable amount of work has gone into Mt. Pleasant Street, one of our two remaining dirt roads. Even with the new drainage completed the previous year, the road was nearly impassable in the spring. The trouble spots were identified and were replaced last fall. I am happy to report that this spring, the road is greatly improved and passable even in the worst of times.

The bridge that crosses the headwaters of the Goose River on Annis Road needed to be replaced last fall, as an unexpected failure made it unsafe and nearly impassable as we entered winter. The bridge was closed for a week to vehicle traffic, and residents who lived on the other side of the bridge were forced to walk across a temporary foot bridge. A new bridge was built off site and put in place in a week.

Along with the normal paving projects we do every year, Public Works completed a reconstruction of Rockport Woods Road, which was in dire need of a "full depth" reconstruction over about one third of its length.

Over the last year we hired an intern to help gather road data and enter it into the roads management system provided by the State. This will allow us to keep a better inventory of the status of our roads and reconstruction projects and help with budgeting. In addition, he collected data on the literally thousands of culverts we have all over town that we are responsible for maintaining and replacing when they fail. And finally, he collected street light data with GPS locations for all of the street lights in town. This data can now be loaded into GIS overlays to make it accessible and more useful.

Volunteers from Keep Rockport Beautiful have worked tirelessly over the last year, removing nearly two and a half tons of trash from our roadsides in massive cleanup events that organize 100 volunteers for spring and fall cleanups. The work of this group has spurred others in surrounding communities to do the same thing. In addition, they have raised the awareness of litter and trash as a problem that we all need to be part of solving.

Long-time Public Works employee Sue Dates retired as administrative assistant in the department after 13 years on the job. Sue did a great job over the years and will be missed.

We saw an uptick in harbor dock rentals in August of last year, which generates more revenue for the town. In addition, we were hit with yet another Halloween storm that generated hurricane-force winds out of the southeast, which is the worst direction for Rockport Harbor. Fortunately, most boats were out, and most fishermen were able to move to a safer harbor. We pulled out the docks before they were damaged but ended up having to relaunch a few for the few remaining boats and fishermen. Holiday on the Harbor was delayed by one day because of weather but the fireworks display was amazing. Thank you to all the committee members that work so hard to pull this together every year.

The Fire Department has been very busy over the past year. Training is a big part of what they do in addition to answering the calls that come in. They have also been working hard on the design of a new fire truck that is currently being built. We are expecting delivery after the first of July.

With the devastation in Rockport, Texas from Hurricane Harvey, the Fire Department was ready to send help. While their help was not needed at the time, they were instrumental in organizing a fundraising campaign that raised \$24,000 to help first responders who suffered loss as a result of the storm.

We have a great Fire Department! To be clear, we have one full-time fire fighter, the Chief. The rest of our department is made up of volunteers, who respond with a level of professionalism that we all should be very proud of. While we do pay them a small amount as “on-call” firefighters, their pay comes nowhere near amounting to what one full-time fire fighter would cost us. It certainly does not pay for the many hours they are away from their families. They are an extremely dedicated group of people who care about helping others. If you happen to see their posts on Facebook, they always end their posts with “If you need us, call us. We’ll be there.” This rings true to the spirit of our firefighters.

The interlocal agreement between Rockport and Camden for the services of a Police Chief has worked even better than I had hoped. Officers in both towns train together, provide backup to each other and communicate constantly. The two departments provide supervision to one another, so officers in both towns have backup supervision if needed. This year we had a switch in the Sergeant position. Long time Sergeant Travis Ford decided to return to patrol, and in turn, his position was taken by Patrol Officer James Moore. In addition, we are finally up to full staff at the department for the first time in many years. Our new officers are young and very engaged in the community. Having the connection with seasoned officers in *both* departments will help to give them any support they might need.

The livestream of board and committee meetings continues to gather viewership and participation. While some meetings of interest have a lot of views and others are not viewed as much, the average for the year is 88 views per meeting. Although this is a slightly skewed data point (because the system counts every time someone access the system as a view), it is still a lot of people who are interested in being informed about what is going on in town. The last six-month average climbed to 178 views per meeting. The important fact is that the viewership is increasing. While we would all like to see people come to the meetings, the reality is that most people can’t. Watching at a time that is convenient is the way that people are getting connected with their local government.

We have re-energized the Safety Committee. They have updated and improved our safety plan, emergency operations plan and employee safety plan. We have also achieved NIMS compliance, making us eligible for additional grants. Our employees are receiving monthly training to help improve safety and performance as well as reduce our insurance costs. We have also been working on becoming SHAPE compliant, which reduces our insurance rates as well as building security. This has resulted in thousands of savings to the town as well as healthier, safer employees.

Lastly, one of our biggest and most time-consuming challenges has been the future home of the Rockport Public Library. After months of review of the work done by the previous steering and building committees, the board voted 4-1 just before the election last June to move forward with a plan to build a new Library at the 1 Limerock Street location in the village.

While that question was answered, a lot of other questions remained. Although many felt they knew the reason the last attempt to pass the bond failed, the board decided to hire a professional market research firm to gather data, measure voter attitudes and see if there was a compromise that would allow us to move forward. After review and analysis of the data, the board decided to move forward with a plan that was a less expensive and thereby smaller construction project. They also decided to not change the vote of the previous board to keep it on the original library lot donated by Mary Curtis Bok. A target bond amount of \$1.5 million of taxpayer funding was established as the maximum to go back to the voters.

In addition, Dick Reed, the architect of the previous proposal decided to bow out of and allow a new plan to move forward with a different architect. After review of all of the previous proposals from architects, the board opted to hire Steven Smith of Camden (also a Rockport resident) to take us to the next phase.

We were hopeful that we would have a proposal that we could bring to the voters in June but rather than an incomplete plan, the board opted to wait until November to allow a full design and cost estimate to be developed. We are working hard to come up with a plan that meets library needs, is less costly, is pleasing and looks like it belongs and keeps it in the Village. It's not an easy task but one worth doing.

And finally, I want to say thank you to the residents of Rockport for their support over the past year. It has been a pleasure and honor to serve you. Thank you to the dedicated and hard-working department heads and employees we have working for the town. They make my job so much easier.

On to next year!



Town Manager being rescued! Water Safety Training.



Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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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.

Thank you to all who participated and planned the events of our celebration of Rockport's 125th Opera House Celebration. We had a lot of great events for our one-day celebration. There was a virtual reality demo, a street performance of kettle drummers, Earle Shettleworth with a slide show and a dance with Creatures of Habit. Thank you to all who donated food, time and funds.

Some of the highlights this past year were: We collected \$835,908.88 in excise tax and \$14,446,049.86 in real estate taxes. One thousand one hundred and sixty-six residents voted in the November election, which represents 41.00 % of our registered voters. We issued a total of 124 hunting, fishing, archery and other licenses this year. We also issued a total of 676 dog licenses which includes two service dogs, six hundred and four dogs that had been spayed or neutered, and sixty-seven dogs that were not spayed or neutered.

We issued seventy certified marriage certificates, twenty- nine marriage licenses, six hundred and thirty certified birth certificates, we had twenty-five new Rockport residents (fifteen males and ten females), issued one thousand three hundred and thirty certified death certificates and we had thirty-seven resident deaths (twenty-one males and sixteen females).



Mission Statement

The mission of the town clerk/tax collector's office is to accurately maintain all town records, conduct elections with professionalism in accordance with State Law, issue state and town licenses, and provide information to both town officials and the general public in a friendly, professional and confidential manner.

Name	Date of Death	Age
Albano-Goulette, Patricia A.	05/21/2017	78
Ashforth, Mab	12/14/2017	86
Beck, Richard Davis, Sr.	5/24/2017	92
Brayne-Nicholls, Mary	4/6/2017	95
Brimson, Cheryl A.	5/1/2017	66
Brown, Mary Kathleen	9/28/2017	76
Castner, Kenneth W., Jr.	11/13/2017	89
Chapdelaine, Theresa M.	2/17/2017	61
Chatfield, John S.	8/6/2017	84
Christie, Peter M.	10/5/2017	56
Davidson, Felicity D.	7/16/2017	63
Eutsler, Edith M.	9/26/2017	84
Ferrara, Michael A.	12/17/2017	77
Fogg, Rosalie D.	4/19/2017	73
Frye, Donald, M., Sr.	4/14/2017	83
Fukuda, Mona L.	10/28/2017	66
Gamage, Bruce E., Sr.	6/23/2017	91
Gray, Shane A.	2/11/2017	44
Guthrie, Robert D.	8/15/2017	50
Haynes, Herbert David	11/17/2017	81
Hendrick, Charles E., Iii	10/31/2017	84
Hoffmann, Pamela M.	12/11/2017	66
Hughes, Michael J.	4/9/2017	34
Lawson, Roxine F.	12/12/2017	71
Levasseur, Thomas G.	6/23/2017	71
Linder, Douglas W.	5/7/2017	85
Ljunggren, Ronald A.	7/19/2017	77
Magyar, Joanne W.	8/26/2017	68
Major, Harold F., Jr.	3/5/2017	56
March, Agnes C.	1/12/2017	76
Michaud, Georgianna M.	4/6/2017	49
Sabatino, Gerald L.	10/5/2017	67
Stanley, Gordon K.	3/17/2017	95
Tillstrom, Carl R., Sr.	4/1/2017	94
Watson, Raymond W. Iii	11/2/2017	66
Way, John H.	11/27/2017	68
Westfall, Ruth A.	8/12/2017	91



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Mission Statement

The mission of the Finance Department is to properly maintain and report on all expenditures and revenues of the town; to assist town management in developing a budget annually according to GFOA's best recommended practices; to process all government reporting regarding personnel in a timely manner; to assist personnel in their human resources needs; and to provide accurate financial information.

The Past Year

This has been a very busy and exciting year in the Finance Office. Last year I had mentioned that we would be submitting our annual budget to the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) to see if we met the criteria for a Distinguished Budget Award. I am pleased to announce that the Town received the award on December 7, 2017. To receive this award, the budget must meet GFOA program criteria, which requires it to work as a policy document for the town, an operations guide for the fiscal year, a financial plan for the future, and a 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. I encourage you all to take the time to review it on the Town website. 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 were also able to complete a working Capital Improvement Plan (CIP). The Capital Improvement Committee, department heads, town manager and I worked very hard to accomplish this. For many years we have had a simpler version of the plan, which allowed for us to replace items such a police cruiser, but this is the first year we have had a comprehensive plan that outlines everything from vehicle and equipment replacements to costly infrastructure projects. This document will forever be considered a working document, as there will need to be cost adjustments made, as well as new items added annually.

Another thing we accomplished this year is a review of our cash outflows and inflows. I have developed a cash flow analysis that the Select Board can use to show our "cash crunch" months. This has also given us an opportunity to review our Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB). While our current UFB is roughly 60 days' worth of our expenditures, this not quite enough to allow the

Town to meet all of 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 for the Town. To put some perspective on this, our monthly expenditures are anywhere from \$1.15 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, February and March we do not receive quite enough income to meet all expenses. Although we are able to move some commitments around, such as the school payments (which are just over \$800,000 a month), it would be better if the Town was in a position to be able to make these payments on their designated due dates. We are working towards this goal but it is a slow process.

If you have been into the office lately, you would also notice that I have a new assistant, Molli Bennett. Molli has been an amazing addition to this department and she is doing a wonderful job. She is very polite and always willing to help.

The Finances

The cash requirements for the operations of the Town for the year ending June 30, 2017, exceeded \$14.8 million dollars, 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 due in large part to keeping a healthy unassigned fund balance.

In reporting on the financial condition of the Town for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, I can report the following:

The Unassigned Fund Balance (UFB) as of June 30, 2017 was \$2,637,001, which was an increase of \$67,579 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 inter-local 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 \$159,011, which was an increase of 2.7% from the previous year. The assessment for fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, is \$155,651, which represents a decrease of 2.1%.

The Town of Rockport’s assessment for MSAD 28 for 2017 was \$5,329,759, reflecting a 0.9% increase. The assessment for the Five Town CSD was \$3,565,826, which was a 10.1% decrease. For the fiscal year end 2019, we are expecting that the Rockport share will increase dramatically due to the vote on building a new middle school (the numbers for this have not been provided as of the time this is being written).

The assessment for Knox County taxes was \$1,013,095, which is an 8.1% increase for fiscal year end 2017. Dispatch fees were an additional \$29,251 (a 2.0% increase) and county E-911

fees were an additional \$59,367 (an increase of 2.2%). Overall county fees saw an increase of 7.5% in fiscal year end 2017.

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 US 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 or to review the audit report, quarterly reports to the Select Board and the proposed budget for fiscal year ending 2019, please visit the Rockport website at <http://town.rockport.me.us>, click on Departments and 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.

Megan A. Brackett
Finance Director



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, non-elective 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 but 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 also 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. Appointments may be scheduled by calling 236-0806. In an after-hour emergency, or on weekends, please call the Knox County Sheriff's Department at 594-5656.

To report alleged violations call the Maine Department of Health and Human Services at 1-800-442-6003.

General Assistance

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Mission Statement

The mission of General Assistance is to provide basic necessities such as food, shelter, utilities, fuel, and certain other items, that may be essential to residents and families in Rockport during a time of need.



Assessing Department

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Mission Statement

The Assessor's Office serves to provide the taxpayers of Rockport, Maine with fair and equitable valuations of real and personal estate for tax purposes through effective professionalism, innovative technology and application of reliable, consistent procedures in accordance with Maine State Law. The Assessor's Office is committed to maintaining positive public relations with courtesy and integrity and to provide responsible stewardship of public resources.

Mass Appraisal vs Fee Appraisal

I receive many appraisals from people who present the document as proof that their property is over-assessed. More often than not, the reverse is actually true – the appraisal is under-appraising the property.

Few people hire an appraiser to do an appraisal for tax assessment review purposes. Appraisals are usually done by a bank as a precursor for issuing a mortgage loan. The appraisal's purpose, then, is to protect the bank's investment, not to appraise the fairness and equity of a property's value in relation to other similar properties all across town. This is why the only permitted use of an appraisal, as stated in appraisal rules, is for the purpose stated on the appraisal, which is usually to achieve bank financing, not dispute an assessment.

The banks got the world's economy in trouble in the late 1990s and early 2000s by not being so protective of their investment dollars. Real estate values were escalating and bank appraisals attempted to reflect the fast-rising marketplace. Then that bubble burst and the recession, almost a depression, commenced in 2007. Appraisals today reflect the banks' desire to be conservative, rather than exuberant. As a result, their numbers tend to be lower than actual market value. Assessments strive to be in line with market value.

Fee appraisals look at a single property and use two to five recently sold comparable properties ("comps") to come up with an opinion of value for the subject property. Mass appraisal, the methodology used by assessors, is quite different.

We use *all* recently sold comparable properties to populate a series of Sales Ratio Studies. When the studies tell us a property type, or location in town, is deviating from the norm, we adjust all

similar properties to bring them all back in line. We never adjust to a single property. If the market for Cape Cod homes, for example, is heating up, we adjust the value of all Capes.

Both methodologies are sound. It is important that people understand that because the purposes and goals of each are different and are therefore likely to produce different results.

Your Assessing Department

One of the benefits of sharing assessment services with Camden is both towns get more assessing staff than would otherwise be possible. My time is shared on an equal basis between Rockport and Camden. Assistant Assessor Caitlin Anderson is 80/20 Camden/Rockport. I share an Administrative Assistant with Planning and Codes. That assistant is Hannah Sisk. She's been with us since last July. Talented and smart, she has quickly become a valuable asset. Caitlin, Hannah and I each provide a unique skill set to our work for Rockport that combine to provide you with what I think are excellent assessing services. If you've reached out to us for any assistance, I hope you came away feeling well served, as that is our intention and goal.



Planning and Community Development

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Permit Data

The bulk of the permits and approvals issued by this department are building permits and other related permits that are issued by a Code Enforcement Officer alone without Planning Board or ZBA approval. That number decreased significantly in 2017, (from 254 in 2016 to 226 in 2017) and is lower than average as shown on the table below. Changes in other permit data over the same year would normally be consistent. However, in 2017 plumbing permit activity was almost unchanged from calendar year 2016. This divergence between CEO and LPI permit activity is hard to read into but may reflect challenges in the implementation of the Maine Uniform Building Code, adopted by Town Meeting vote in June 2016. However, Planning Board and ZBA activity also decreased significantly in 2017, consistent with the CEO Permit figure.

Mission Statement

The Department shall be a customer-oriented community resource to provide high-quality land use planning information and project management for the benefit of residents of Rockport. Staff shall prepare comprehensive, well-researched support for decision making by the appropriate Boards and Committees and responses to public inquiries in a timely and professional manner.

	Planning Board & ZBA Approvals	CEO Permits Building & Use, etc.	LPI Permits SSWD & Internal
2017	10	226	89
2016	13	254	87
2015	12	236	74
2014	11	256	87
2013	16	285	100
2012	15	325	71
2011	13	320	86
2010	14	337	79
Average	13	280	84

Staff News

One staffing change was made in 2017. Former Administrative Assistant Diane Hamilton was promoted to Executive Assistant to the Town Manager. Diane takes with her to the Town Manager's Office an excellent foundation, having effectively "cross-trained" in building codes,

planning, and human resources, by working in this Department and in Finance. Diane was replaced by our new Administrative Assistant Hannah Sisk.

Hannah's time is devoted primarily to Assessing, Finance, "front desk" duties, and CEO/LPI permits. She also works on Planning Board and ZBA tasks. Hannah comes to us at the beginning of her career equipped with very good organizational skills, uncanny diplomacy, and a great love of language. These traits have helped make her a quick study in assisting with revisions to the Land Use Ordinance.

Community and Economic Development

We continue to staff numerous volunteer Boards and Committees. Although challenging at times in the context of diminished administrative assistant hours, this work is always a high priority and cannot be done effectively without some Town Office support. 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 significant support from this Department in the past year.

The Conservation Commission is a good example of one whose output has grown in the last few years. I am particularly proud of this group for launching a project to provide free well testing for arsenic in 2017, through collaboration with Maine Water and area school districts. The next phase of this work will include connecting Rockport property owners whose well water exceeds normal limits to outside sources of funding assistance for remediation. The "Cons Comm" also continues to pursue its roadside tree program, in partnership with the Rockport Garden Club and the staff of Maine Coast Heritage Trust at Ericson Fields.

On the Community and Economic Development front, only one significant grant was received, which was a CDBG award of \$100, for Avena Botanicals, whose gardens and production facilities are located on Mill Street. The bulk of these funds was received in 2017 and helped purchase new equipment, particularly to upgrade bottling and labeling but applied to other areas as well. These funds also allowed Avena to adapt to new Federal regulations and create three new staff positions. Other Community and Economic Development work, such as a planned amendment to the Commercial Street TIF district to help finance extensions of public sewer, was handed off to outside consultants and is progressing slowly.

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.



Updates

Let's face it: nobody likes fines. So, we have gotten rid of them. As of October 1, 2017, the Rockport Public Library no longer fines patrons for overdue materials. The Library Committee approved of ceasing to fine patrons at their September 18, 2017, meeting. This change in policy will help us provide more friendly service. Going fine-free encourages use of the library by those who might be worried about past and future fines and facilitates the return of library materials but removes the fear of having to pay a fine. To be clear: The change doesn't mean patrons can keep books as long as they want. We still expect to have our items returned by their due date... But you can rest assured we won't fine you if life gets in the way and you are day or two late.

Plans for a new library started again in 2017 with a town-wide survey about the library, conducted by the Portland Research Group. The information from this survey has informed many of the decisions that the Select Board has made in planning for a new library. The most important information we learned concerns the amount Rockport taxpayers wish to spend on a new library. The survey proved that the last proposal for a new library was defeated largely because it was too expensive. With that in mind, the Select Board voted to lower the cost of any new plan by \$1 million.

In the wake of the survey, plans are again moving towards a new library design for Rockport. Keep your eyes and ears open for updates surrounding future planning. As you read this, many people are working very hard to bring a new proposal to Rockport voters for a great new library at a reduced price.

The Library VR

The Rockport Public Library took a huge leap forward in the technologies we offer our patrons with the acquisition of an HTC Vive Virtual Reality System. We were able to do this with grant

Rockport Public Library

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Mission Statement

Rockport Public Library is committed to providing the best possible free library service to all of the residents of the Town of Rockport. The library will identify and respond to the needs of our community of library users and seek to provide services that will meet these needs.

funds from the Maine State Library. This is an amazing new technology that you can try out any Friday afternoon at the Library. If you would like to walk on the bottom of the ocean or in outer space, VR can make it happen. We have also been taking the VR system to local high schools on a monthly basis, providing students with learning experiences they otherwise would not have access to.

Some Facts!

Some great stats from the year:

	2016/2017
Materials Circulated	60,059*
Patron Visits	41,949
Programs Offered	557
Computer Access	4,237

*Includes 6114 incoming interlibrary loan materials borrowed by library patrons!

With Rockport’s population of approximately 3,321, the library’s circulation equals 18 items borrowed per capita. If those books or other materials were purchased, rather than borrowed from the library, it would have cost about \$316 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

We have started two exciting new programs with the local schools in the past year.

At the Camden Rockport Middle School, our children’s librarian has set up a Newspaper Writing Club with Jessie Odgren, the sixth-grade language arts teacher. This club produces a newspaper once a trimester, filled with local interest stories, art, comics and even a horoscope! The kids do great work and it is a blast to read. You can find copies on our Facebook page, and paper copies in the library while supplies last.

We have partnered with the Camden Public Library to keep the Camden Hills Regional High School library open longer. Three times a week the high school library stays open until 4:30, allowing students access to the collection, the computer lab and skilled librarians. This is great for the students and it is great for us. Being in the CHRHS’s library lets us show students what their public library has to offer. It also allows us, through collaboration, to add valuable support to the school. It’s win for everyone.

In 2017, we added to our adult education outreach. In addition to teaching technology classes for the Five Town Adult Education Department, we now are teaching a Digital Literacy & Research class at URock and the Maine Media Workshops. Digital literacy is the art and science of citing and evaluating online resources for research purposes. In today’s online environment the problem isn’t finding information; it’s finding high quality, trustworthy information.

As a member of the library, you can access free downloadable audiobooks and eBooks from the library website with your library card. If patrons need help navigating the eBook frontier, the

staff can help with that. We also 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, enhances collaboration, inspires innovation, forges connections, and sparks creativity and enjoyment.

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.
- **Volunteers:** In 2016/2017, volunteers gave 503 hours of work to the library. 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 other projects and programs with the proceeds from that sale. This past year they presented the library with a check for \$17,000! We depend on the proceeds of this sale to support the overall 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 of our donors!
- **Library Committee:** We want to recognize the members for the Library Committee: Ann Filley (Chairperson), Eliza Haselton (Treasurer), Stephanie Kumble (Secretary), and Heaven Bartlett. 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. This has been a big year, and all of 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.

Prepared by: Benjamin Blackmon, Library Director
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LIBRARY TREASURER'S REPORT

July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017

ENDOWMENT FUNDS

Portfolio Value on 7/1/2016	\$ 821,213.00
Income	
Interest	\$ 5,384.00
Dividends	\$ 14,940.00
Transfers and Expenditures	
Transfers to Operating Funds Account	\$ (33,540.00)
Transfers from Operating Funds Account	\$ 95,000.00
Management Fees	\$ (7,171.00)
Change in Market Value	
Unrealized Gain on Investments Retained	\$ 70,276.00
Realized Loss on Investments Sold	<u>\$ (7,815.00)</u>
Portfolio Value on 6/30/2017	\$ 958,287.00

OPERATIONS FUNDS

Balance Available for Operations on 7/1/2016	\$ 127,559.00
Deposits	
Transfers from Endowment Funds	\$ 33,540.00
Paypal	\$ 266.00
Gifts	\$ 16,444.00
Fines, Non-resident Fees. Copies, Misc.	\$ 4,591.00
Bank Interest	<u>\$ 77.00</u>
Total Deposits	\$ 54,918.00
Expenditures	
Purchased and Contractual Services	\$ (21,843.00)
Other Contractual Services	\$ (457.00)
Supplies	\$ (33,922.00)
Capital Items	\$ (2,003.00)
Transfers to Endowment Funds	\$ (95,000.00)
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ (153,225.00)</u>
Balance Available for Operations on 6/30/2017	\$ 29,252.00

ENDOWMENT FUND BALANCES

Chatfield Fund	\$ 12,089.00
Rockport Library	\$ 822,745.00
Dodge Fund	\$ 8,364.00
Gardiner Fund	\$ 27,823.00
Ellis Fund	\$ 34,628.00
Boyd Fund	\$ 15,874.00
Rohrbough Fund	\$ 39,458.00
Balance	\$ 960,981.00
Less Accrued Interest	\$ (2,694.00)
Total Endowment Funds	<u>\$ 958,287.00</u>



Rockport Opera House

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In 2017, our beloved Rockport Opera House celebrated its 125th year in service to the Town of Rockport. We enjoyed an increased use of the Auditorium for some incredible musical performances and lectures. Several features were added to the Auditorium to continue improving the safety of our renters and their audiences. Livestream continues to be a growing popular resource for civic engagement.

2017 Improvements and Statistics

Rockport Opera House was home to many great performances in 2017. Musical performers included The Mallett Brothers Band with The Midnight Riders, Down East Singers, DaPonte String Quartet, Maine Pro Musica, and many more. Gordon Bok and Timberhead Music held a Folk Music Festival Reunion concert in April bringing back many great musicians who played the annual folk festival at Rockport Opera House 20+ years ago! It was a grand evening that filled the hall with rich acoustic sound and a happy audience. Bay Chamber Concerts continues to be one of our frequent, high-use clients offering incredible concerts throughout the year including a moving Holiday performance by the Songs of Solomon Gospel Choir. We welcomed back Maine Media Workshops & College for another great summer of free Monday and Tuesday night lectures. Camden International Film Festival (CIFF) returned for a third year in a row, using the Opera House as their Rockport film screening venue. Pecha Kucha also returned in January for an evening led by talented lecturers and business leaders. Everyman Repertory Theatre delighted audiences with a love story titled *Talley's Folly*. The Auditorium was used many times throughout the year for fund-raising events by non-profit groups including Life Flight Maine, the Ashwood-Waldorf School, and Broadreach Family Services, to name a few.

We saw an increase in use of the space for private events such as birthday parties, weddings, memorial services, and banquets. We also saw an increase in use of the space for contra and square dances and hope to have more of these dances in the years to come.

A monthly email newsletter developed by Adventure Advertising continues to be a useful resource in letting subscribers know about upcoming events at Rockport Opera House. Visit www.RockportOperaHouse.com to sign up for our email newsletter.

The building was used at least 165 days in 2017 with multiple events scheduled the same day in both the Auditorium and the Geoffrey C. Parker Community Meeting Room. While the number of days used decreased from the 178 days used in 2016, we saw an increase in revenue for the fiscal year ending in June 2017 compared to FYE 2016. This was due to increased use of the Auditorium by businesses and non-profits outside of Rockport, who pay higher rental fees than Rockport residents and businesses.

We saw a 28% increase in views of Town meeting videos on Livestream.com/Rockportmaine from 2016 to 2017.

Town Meetings

The Select Board renamed and dedicated the meeting room to be the Geoffrey C. Parker Community Meeting Room in honor of former Select Board member and Opera House Liaison Geoff Parker for his many years of service to the town and to the Rockport Opera House. Geoff continues to help the town with improvements and updates to the Livestream equipment.

The GCPC Meeting Room was used by the town for meetings held by the Select Board, Planning Board, Budget Review Committee, Capital Improvement Plan Committee, Technology Committee, and the newly re-formed Comprehensive Plan Review Committee. The Select Board held workshops with the Library Committee and library architect to discuss plans for the future of Rockport Public Library and to hear feedback from the community. The MSAD #28 School Board used the meeting room for board meetings and public forums using Livestream to help deliver and archive information regarding a new building for the middle school. Other town uses included meetings held by the Select Board for Library Workshops, Friends of Rockport Library, and a candidate forum sponsored by VStv.

Physical Plant

Gus Natale added an extension to our wireless internet that boosted the wifi signal in the Auditorium. This extension allows for faster internet speeds even when multiple devices are using it in the building. This was done to help expedite ticket sales for our renters when tickets are sold at the door.

Several updates were made backstage to ensure the safety of our renters and staff. The rope that opens and closes the painted stage curtain was replaced due to fraying; the old rope had become so worn that it kept getting stuck on the pulley system. Public Works installed new hand railings backstage on the platforms that go up to the attic and to stage ropes above the floor. We have not had any accidents but wanted to lower the chance of a falling accident in the future. As part of that effort, brass guard rails were also added to the end of the walkways in the balcony.

The Opera House Team

The work that goes on behind the scenes at Rockport Opera House cannot be accomplished without a team effort by so many thoughtful individuals who take pride in this building. Thank you to our new Select Board Liaison Tom Gray for your commitment to the Opera House Committee and efforts in facilitating discussion between the Committee and Select Board; Town Manager Rick Bates for your support and guidance in Opera House management; the Opera House Committee for your recommendations on building and policy improvements; our custodian Richard Dinsmore who works hard to get the building clean and ready for each renter; Fire Chief Jason Peasley for your advice on safety procedures and your continued service of our fire extinguishers; Diane Hamilton for your leadership in safety training of town employees and assistance with town meeting scheduling; Public Works Director Mike Young for your leadership and the entire Public Works Department for all your help with maintenance of the building when needed; Town Clerk Linda Greenlaw for your assistance with renters' license needs; Finance Department Megan Bracket and Molli Bennett for your help with our accounting; and thank you to our security officers Jerry Carr and Richard Dinsmore.



www.rockportoperahouse.com
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Fire Department

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31 Volunteer Firefighters

Mission Statement

The mission of the Rockport Fire Department is to preserve life and property; promote public safety; and foster community support services in a professional manner. The Department will accomplish our mission through fire prevention, public education, and continual professional development of emergency response personnel.

The year 2017 brought yet another year of high-call volume and busy months of training. Firefighters responded to 187 calls, 26 training and monthly meetings, and mutual aid training with Rockland, Hope and Lincolnville. The department welcomed new firefighters Clay Tolman, Alex Vokey and Ryan Fisher to group.

Rockport Fire responded to 22 mutual aid calls to Rockland, Hope, Union, South Thomaston, and Camden over 12 months. Of the 22 calls, 6 were confirmed structure fires, 4 car accidents, and medical assistance for Northeast Ambulance.

The department responded to more car accidents than false alarms for the first time in the history of Rockport Fire. Typically, most calls firefighters respond to are false alarms. While we had an increase in car accidents, there were very few injuries and minimal hospital transfers.

This year we increased the number of mutual aid trainings to five joint trainings with Rockland, as well as two with Hope and Lincolnville. Training with our mutual aid departments is extremely important, as almost all structure fires or major incidents require multiple departments to work together to resolve the current call. We continue to inform all our mutual aid towns of our trainings, and invite them to join us.

As Fire Chief I continued to work with members of the community to complete inspections of homes for smoke detector needs. I installed over 35 detectors in homes throughout Rockport, helping protect more families. We continue to seek donations and grants to keep extra smoke detectors in house that can be handed out to our Rockport residents.

This coming July we will welcome a new Rescue Pumper to the fleet, which is currently being constructed in Ocala, Florida. This truck will be our first due engine out the door to all calls. We will spend 30 days installing tools and equipment as well as hundreds of hours of individual training to be fully educated on using the new Squad 25.

Chief Jason Peasley

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 and ambiance are allowed without a permit.

ALL permits for 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.

Summary of 2017 Fire Incidents

Building/Cooking Fire	13
Chimney Fire	2
Car Fire	2
Grass/Woods Fire	6
EMS Assist	5
Motor Vehicle Accident	59
Oil/Fuel Spill	3
Utility or Power Line Problem	7
Illegal Burns	3
Water Leak or Salvage	4
Public Assist	5
False Alarms or CO Alarm	55
Cancelled En Route	11
Flood Basement	3
Odor Investigation	8

Total Incidents **186**

Burn Permits - Written	386
Online Permits	154

Fire Equipment

2016 E-One Pumper 1,250 GPM -1,000 Gal Tank
2004 Freightliner, Ferera 1,250 GPM - 1,000 Gal Tank
1996 Freightliner, Ferera 1,000 GPM - 1,000 Gal Tank
1996 Freightliner, Ferera Utility Truck
1987 Ford, E-One, 1,000 GPM - 1,000 Gal Tank
1951 Willey's Jeep
1928 American LaFrance Ladder Truck
2014 Ford F250 Pickup Truck

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
Justin Ford
Michael Robertson
Levi Rollins
John Sylvester
Mike Eaton
Dana Jackson
Steve Laite
Tyler Leighton
Drew Long
Billy Smith
Royan Bartley
Samantha Leighton
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Clint Beveridge
Eben Merrifield
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Harbor

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While the season got off to a slow start, partly from the weather in June and July, August and much of September saw some full docks and a bustling harbor and park. We were even able to get a 160' yacht to the new dock to take on fuel from a waiting fuel truck—a new record! We will continue to offer overnight dockage to mooring holders and Rockport residents at a reduced rate of \$1/ft, as space allows.

We received a safety grant from Maine Municipal Association for a cold-water rescue suit that I will keep at the harbor and will be able to use in responding to winter emergencies, after training.

Fox on the Run completed their fourth and final season at the harbor. We will be looking for a new food vendor to take its place (although we will miss their food and presence!) for next season.

Holiday on the Harbor was a successful event despite having to be postponed due to weather. It was a lovely festive evening that culminated with a spectacular display of fireworks. Thank you to all of the volunteers and donors who make this event one to look forward to. We are already planning for next year!

We had 8 turnovers in the mooring field and 2 new placements in the outer harbor. The Tie-offs had 3 turn overs. We have not been adding any more names to that wait list until the list gets moving. There are budgeted funds to build 3 new sections of dinghy docks which will be built in the spring of 2018, and “first-come-first-serve” permits will be issued at the Harbormaster’s office starting on June 1, 2018. My hope is that the addition of these new floats will accommodate all that wish to have a small skiff/dinghy in Rockport Harbor.

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.

Respectfully,

Abbie Leonard
Harbormaster



Randy M. Gagne, Police Chief
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Rockport Police Department

Mission Statement

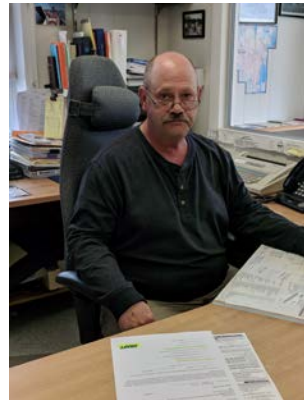
The mission of the Police Department is to maintain peace and order by providing high-quality police services that are responsive to the needs of the community. We protect life and property by apprehending those who commit criminal acts; by developing partnerships to prevent, reduce, or eliminate neighborhood problems; and by providing police services that are fair, professional, and respectful of the dignity of all individuals.



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Officer Jacob Powers
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To the citizens of Rockport I respectfully submit the Rockport Police Department annual report for 2017. This was another busy year for the Rockport Police Department. There were many changes within the department regarding personnel. In January Travis Ford, a long time Sergeant within the department, decided he would step down from his supervisory role and return to the

patrol division as an officer. After many weeks of trying to convince him to stay in supervision I reluctantly approved his request.

Travis was a tremendous help to me when I took over as Police Chief in July of 2016. My transition to the Rockport Police Department would not have gone so well if not for the assistance he gave me. I thank you very much, Travis!

A promotional process was held in early spring of 2017 with Officer James Moore being promoted to the position of Patrol Sergeant. Officers Dana Smith and Robbie Shaw resigned to explore other employment opportunities during the year. Three new officers were hired to fill those vacancies; Officer Christopher Taylor, Officer Tony Del Vecchio, and Officer Jacob Powers. Officers Del Vecchio and Powers were already full-time Police Academy graduates. Officer Taylor attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy for 18 weeks and graduated in mid December of 2017. The Rockport Police Department is once again fully staffed with highly trained professional officers who will serve the community very well.

The Camden & 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. This allows officers to respond to serious calls and also triggers automatic response of officers to serious situations. Officers regularly attend training together and share equipment.

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 with its own identity. We do, however, share the same mission: 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 model for other similarly situated communities.

	2014	2015	2016	2017
911 Hang up	74	102	52	53
Abandoned Vehicle	10	4	5	3
Administrative	89	111	118	119
Agency Assistance	240	214	225	187
Alarm	314	279	305	233
Alcohol Offense	5	7	13	5
Animal Noise	6	4	4	1
Animal Problem	69	39	72	41
Animal Welfare	10	17	32	12
Assault	18	21	10	5
Attempt to Locate	5	1	2	2
ATV Operation Problem	8	1	1	3
Non-sufficient Funds Check	14	5	5	6
Violation of Bail Conditions	20	33	40	15
Burglary	4	16	7	5
Car/Deer Accident	36	32	34	38
Check in Per Court Order	0	1	129	70
Child Abuse	3	2	2	0
Citizen Assist	36	51	37	45
Citizen Dispute	1	0	6	2
Civil Problem	13	23	19	34
Criminal Mischief	18	26	27	22
Custodial Interference	4	8	9	2
Dead Body	6	0	2	9
Deliver Message	6	10	8	6
Detail Assignment	20	24	15	14
Disorderly Conduct	57	63	78	67
Domestic	33	25	27	23
Controlled Substance Problem	46	49	30	18
Emergency	1	1	1	0
Traffic – Erratic Operation	190	206	196	196
Escort	12	10	16	25
Fireworks	7	5	6	2
Fish & Game	6	8	4	4
Forgery	0	0	0	1
Found Property	31	30	34	22
Fraud	1	23	26	17
Harassment	35	34	29	28
Hit & Run	20	17	20	20
Information Report	170	156	126	180
Intoxicated Person	18	18	27	20
Juvenile Problem	32	34	30	34
Litter/Pollution/Public Health	1	2	9	7
Lockout	1	0	2	4
Lost Property	17	22	18	12
Medical Emergency	0	0	0	0

2014 2015 2016 2017

Mental Health Issue	75	62	39	24
Missing Person	10	3	5	10
Motor Vehicle Burglary	6	4	16	1
DUI Alcohol or Drugs	39	31	33	20
Nuisance	20	17	22	14
Overdose	3	0	4	1
Paperwork Served for othr Agency	73	45	22	21
Paperwork Served this Agency	7	3	16	9
Parking Problem	51	58	47	30
Traffic Accident with Damage	139	117	128	85
Violation of Protection from Abuse	11	9	5	2
Traffic Accident with Injuries	39	29	32	15
Police Information	4	6	10	5
Probation & Parole Violation	5	6	8	3
Property Check	453	603	582	626
Property Damage, Non-Vandalism	1	0	6	3
Public Works Referral	31	33	27	20
Running Radar	145	347	267	277
Recovered Stolen Property	5	8	3	2
Recovered Stolen Vehicle	3	0	1	0
Sex Offense	4	1	2	2
Reports of Shots Fired	18	2	17	4
Runaway Juvenile	6	12	6	1
Stalking	0	2	1	0
Stray Animal	12	16	1	24
Structure Fire	0	0	0	0
Suspicious Vehicle	68	71	54	89
Suspicious Person/Circumstance	76	69	85	60
Theft	58	38	44	38
Theft Automobile	3	3	3	2
Threatening	16	26	21	16
Tobacco Problem	0	0	0	1
Traffic Hazard	62	62	58	49
Traffic Violation	578	793	385	274
Traffic Stop	104	53	46	60
Trespassing	33	29	46	28
Unsecured Premise	11	20	17	12
Utility Problem	34	25	34	28
Vehicle Off the Road	48	45	35	46
Vehicle Search	36	29	12	2
Vicious Animal	0	0	0	0
Wanted Person	29	39	27	19
Weapon Offense	0	1	0	0
Welfare Check	704	707	618	575



Public Works Department

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Steve Beveridge, Assistant Director
Susan Dates, Admin Assistant, (Retired Jan 2018)

- James Aldus
- James Miller
- Russell Fuller
- Daryl Libby
- Greg Howard
- Kevin Grierson
- Devin Field

The calendar year for 2017 shows the differences in winter seasons from year to year and month to month. In January we had a stretch of 50-degree weather without much snow and then we had a lot of snow in February. Overall, this was not a snowy winter. The cold was there, but not as bad as what we had in November and December of 2017 (into January 2018). In January 2018 the weather forecasters said that we had already received more snow in the first 3 months of the season than the average yearly snowfall and more than last year. And yes, 2018 promises to be a snowy winter. During the 2017 portion of the winter we used 830.83 tons of salt. Some of this was put up in the spring, so we had it ready for fall when we received the 1,926 cubic yards of sand to be mixed with it to start the winter season out. We had to purchase only 64.63 tons of salt in 2 loads to be mixed with the sand at the beginning of this winter. It looks like this might be a win-win for residents with the way that winter is shaping up to be.

Mission Statement

The Public Works Department provides a wide range of vital community services. The mission of the department is to maintain roadways, sidewalks, storm water and wastewater collection systems and pumping stations, parks, recreational areas, cemeteries, municipal buildings, and public parking areas. In addition, the department provides safe recreational environments and conditions for public use. The mission is achieved through preventative maintenance, long-term planning for improvements, and prompt emergency response to critical situations.

On October 31, 2017 we had a rainstorm with heavy winds that ended up qualifying for a FEMA declaration. FEMA money goes towards offsetting the cleanup expenses for storms at a rate of 90%. This also includes administrative expenses of doing the extensive prep with forms to file for reimbursement. Even though this is a time-consuming process, it brings in money to offset expenses for large events that the taxpayers would otherwise need to cover.

During the construction season, 3 portions of the dirt part of Mt. Pleasant were rebuilt. We estimate that 1,475+/- feet were rebuilt and paved. We paved Vinal Street (over 1,857 feet), a portion of Mill Street (over 3,475 feet), and all of Rockport Woods. During the spring and summer residents traveling the Annis Lane Bridge noted that holes were beginning to appear in the bridge. After evaluation it was determined that the bridge was in disrepair and needed to be rebuilt. We were going to only rebuild the bridge portion, but when Farley & Son began the project we realized that we needed a different approach due to the extensive damage that was

found. Superior Concrete just happened to have 6 prestressed concrete planks that were the correct length that had not been taken by the company who ordered them and with a little adjusting, they fit our needs. This was an extensive project because we had to completely remove the bridge and abutments to replace it.

A walking bridge was constructed using a cat walk from the Harbor floats to allow residents on Annis Lane to cross over the Goose River to go to jobs, appointments, shopping, etc. There were several meetings held about this situation resulting in the residents being inconvenienced for about 2 weeks during October. MDOT replaced the light at West Street (Rt. 90) and Commercial Street (Rt. 1) in conjunction with a sidewalk/crosswalk project at Commercial Street. After the sewer was extended on a portion of Rt. 90 and up Rt. 1. Woodard & Curran had test borings done on Rt. 1 for the Route One South Sewer Extension project. The sewer will take the place of septic systems that would need to be built if all the projects proposed for Rt. 1 are put in. The Maine Sport Pump Station replacement was approved and will wait until spring to be put in. The Summer Street sidewalk was finished this past summer.

Public Works employees had many safety and training meetings this year to become compliant in Safety Works and MMA's safety requirements. Much has had to be done in the building to meet the Safety Works latest standards with a great deal of money spent. The town hired a summer intern to survey all our telephone poles, culverts, and streets for Road Safety Management System (RSMS), a program developed by the State and sold to municipalities to help manage roads and culverts.

If you plan to place or replace a mailbox, fence or a wall around the roadway, please give us a call at the Public Works garage at 236-6245. We will come over to make sure you are not placing it in the town's right-of-way where it could get hit with a plow. It is easier to discuss placement of an object before it is placed in or on the ground, rather than after. Please see the last page of this report for a recommended design for a mailbox and post.

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 in 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 so close to the road, i.e.: end of car is even with windrow that the snowplow leaves. This creates hazards for 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 repair 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. 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. See attached diagram for a design. The wooden post can be purchased at several hardware stores.
- **Please** don't walk, jog, cross-country ski, snowmobile, snowboard, or mountain bike in the streets, especially at night, 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 summertime, also.

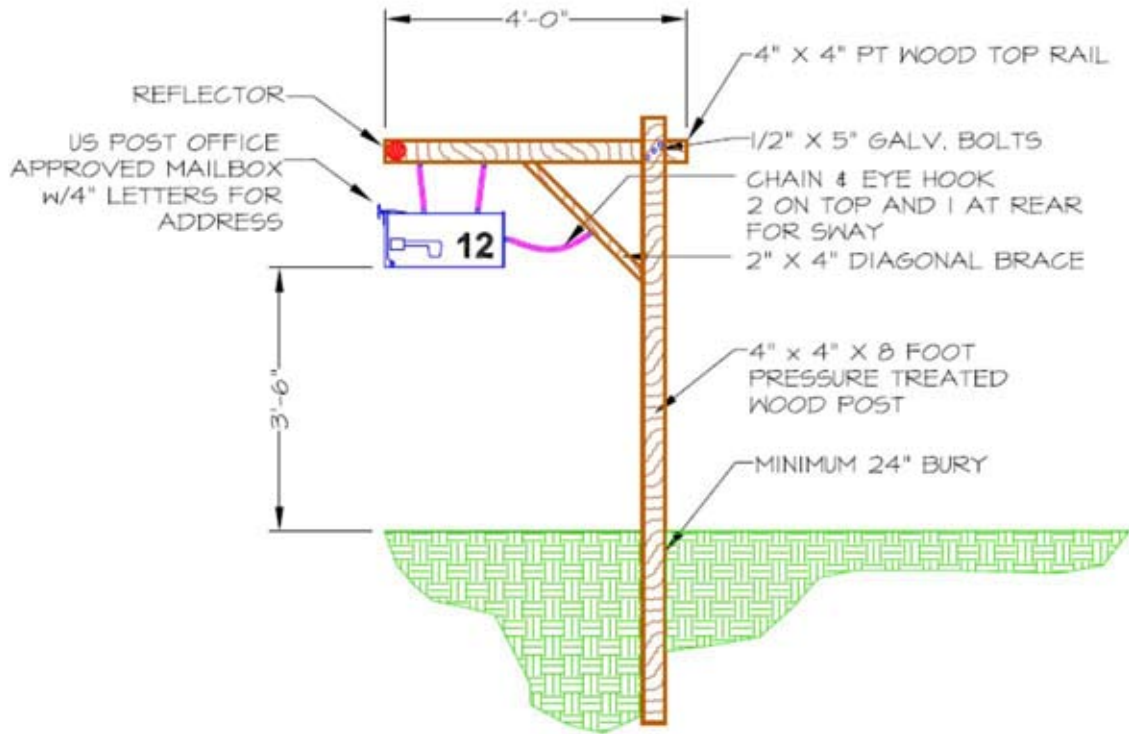
- **Please give snow removal equipment a break.** If equipment is backing up—wait. It is hard, if not impossible, for the driver to see you! Be sure the driver of the equipment has seen you before you pass. Our Public Works crew does the best they can to be considerate and to not jeopardize anyone when 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 snow storms with a warm meal and snacks once in a while. Thank you to Woodard & Curran and Andy Field for their assistance when called upon; the Police Department for providing weather reports; Fire Chief Jason Peasley; Police Chief Randy Gagne; the Rockport Garden Club; Bob Hoppe, who takes care of the Rec Field and tells us when maintenance needs to be done; Jim Guerra, Gary Leighton and MCSWC crew for working with us; and the Town Office crew for all they do. 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, and to their wives for keeping their homes plowed and operating smoothly so husbands can keep the town safe during storms.



Left to right:
Mike Young, Jamie Miller, Steve Beveridge, Greg Howard, Daryl Libby and Jimmy Aldus
Missing from picture: Russell Fuller, Kevin Grierson and Devin Field

POST & MAILBOX RECOMMENDATION



NOTE:

1. SET MAILBOX POST SO FACE OF MAILBOX IS AT BACK EDGE OF SHOULDER OR 8 INCHES BACK FROM FACE OF CURB FOR STREETS WITH CURBING.
2. CUT NOTCHES IN POST AND TOP RAIL TO FORM CROSS HALVING JOINT AND BOLT 2 PIECES TOGETHER.

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



Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation

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Dear Residents,

It has been a year of putting things back to normal after a major effort in 2016 to cut the flow of water from the north end of the quarry into the waste-filled south end. This project seems to be bearing fruit as our leachate pumping and treatment costs are already less than half of previous years. Of course, it is hard to discern how much of the difference is due to drier conditions or the dam that was put in place so we will be watching this closely over the coming years. This year we have also been preparing for the change in the final disposal site for our household trash (msw), which will occur on April 1 this year.

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.

As you may recall, by recommendation of the MCSW Board of Directors and the final vote of our residents, we will be trucking our msw to the ecomaine Waste to Energy Facility in Portland for disposal. The added hauling distance has motivated the Board to seriously consider improving how we will truck our materials off for disposal. Till now, we have been using roll-off containers which sit on the ground while they are loaded and are picked up and hauled by a specialized roll-off truck. While our original trip was only 54 miles away, this was a fairly competitive method as long as we loaded our cans to average 18 tons. With the added miles to ecomaine (30+, one way), however, this method has become unsustainable for a few reasons. We recently went out to bid for hauling and received a minimal response. A significant reason for this is that there aren't many companies willing to haul longer distance with roll off trucks; the preferred method is tractor-trailer. The second reason is cost. Hauling cost in roll-offs to Portland will now be around \$35/ton. In a trailer, which can remain legal with a 25-ton load, the cost drops to the low 20's per ton. There are fewer and fewer roll-off trucks on the road, most hauling short distance. On the other hand, there are many tractors for hire that are willing to hook up to a trailer to deliver a load. With hauling efficiency in mind, a redesign for the facility is under consideration, which should yield a number of positive results including a rational traffic pattern within the facility, the probability of single stream recycling, more waste diversion and lower operational costs. You will be hearing and reading much about this over the coming months.

Lastly, and this is never easy, it is time, once again, to raise our bag fee. The last time we increased it was five years ago. At this point it is necessary to go from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per bag. This is due in part to hauling our trash a greater distance, the current dismal recycling markets and the added labor necessary to handle a broader array of recyclables. However, just because it takes more hands to manage a broader array of recyclables, it by no means indicates that we are at capacity for recycling. If you all doubled your recycling rates and lessened your trash by the same amount, we could still handle the volume of recyclables and you would need to buy far fewer bags, especially if you consider backyard composting! This would be the ideal outcome of a fee hike because every ton of trash that we don't ship lowers our costs for hauling and tipping. This fee increase will begin once we run out of our current supply of bags as new bags will be available in bundles of four for ten dollars rather than five, or by July 1, 2018. It is our intention to maintain this new bag fee for the 3-year contract term we have with ecomaine.

I would like to take this time to thank our willing public who continue to recycle through thick and thin, rain and shine, the MCSW Board of Directors whose trust in me has allowed us to try new ways to save taxpayer dollars and my entire crew; Pat Anderson, Kevan Annis, Dan Fogg, Russell Fuller, Kenny Jones, Syd Leach, Bob Welch, Skip Wentworth and Gary Leighton. Most of all, I thank Beth Kwiatkowski, who has been my detail-minded counterbalance and covered for me so well when I was out for a period this fall. It takes all these good folks to keep all the material arriving at our gates moving to proper destinations without a hitch. This is a dedicated group of people and I'm lucky to be working with them.



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Wastewater Department
Managed, Operated and Maintained by Woodard & Curran, Inc.

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

- Installation of a fall restraint system at the Sea Street pump station. We are looking at feasible options for all of our pump station wet wells.
- Replacement of the chemical feed pump at the Goose River pump station.
- Rebuilding a check valve at the Warrenton Street pump station that will allow more efficient operation.

In April the aged control panel at the Patterson Mobile Home Community pump station was replaced. This upgrade is providing remote pump operation and level indicators to the main alarm computer at the wastewater office and the newer electronics are giving us much more energy efficient operation.

In the spring of 2018, we will be replacing the entire pump station at the Maine Sport location. This will involve installing a new wet well, valve pit and updated controls. When completed we will be able to be completely turn off the side of Route 1 while doing maintenance and we will have full SCADA capabilities as we do at the newer pump stations.

We pumped a total of 28.8 million gallons to the Camden wastewater treatment plant in 2017, which is an increase of two million gallons. In the Village, wastewater is collected at the Goose River pump station and then pumped to Camden. Also last year we pumped 17.3 million gallons to the Rockland wastewater treatment plant from the Warrenton Street pump station, which is down from the 19.6 million gallons that was pumped to Rockland in 2017.

In closing, I would like to thank Rockport Public Works and the entire Town of Rockport for your continued support.



New controls at the Romaha pump station



Installation of a house service

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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Budget Committee

Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee

Capital Improvement Committee

Cemetery Committee

Conservation Commission

Harbor Committee

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Library Committee

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Recreation Committee

Zoning Board of Appeals

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Heaven Bartlett	6/20

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Laurence C. Novotney	6/19

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Julie K. Clement	6/19

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Ann Filley	6/19
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John Alexander 6/18
John Viehman 6/18
Warren Erickson 6/19
Louis A. Laquaglia 6/19
Craig Mitchell 6/19
Ted Skowronski, Alternate 6/20
Clark Doran 6/20

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Suzanne Johndro 6/19
Ron Howard 6/19
Barrett Brown, Alternate 6/19
Rachel McCormick 6/20
Craig Wilson 6/20

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Peter Hall 6/18
John Osgood 6/18
Allen Mitchell 6/19
Kimberlee Graffam 6/19
Terri Mackenzie 6/19
George Benson II 6/20
Emily Lusher 6/20

TOWN OF ROCKPORT

COMMITTEE & AFFILIATION REPORTS

Camden-Rockport Bicycle & Pedestrian

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The Rockport/Camden Bicycle and Pedestrian Pathways Committee

Rockport

Lynda Clancy
Leni Gronros
Helen Shaw
John Titus

Camden

Mac Thomas
Anita Brosius-Scott
Robert Davis
Richard Stetson
Geoff Scott, Chair

Alternates:

Jane Self, Andrew Stancioff

The Pathways Committee is a two-town cooperative committee, with members appointed by both the towns of 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 2016 to 2017 the Committee focused on a number of areas in Rockport:

- We continued to move forward with both towns refining the design of a sidewalk along Route 1 from Quarry Hill to 56 Commercial Street, including organizing a public input session. Project estimates increased and worked with the Town to re-budget. The Quality Community Program grant funds are expected to be awarded in 2018-19 followed by 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 an extension of the sidewalk along West Street to connect with the newly completed pedestrian controlled crossing at Rte 90 and Rte 17.
- Supported the effort to construct a cross-country path at CHRHS
- Ongoing projects included:
 - Exploring ways to connect the Route 90 schools (RES and CHRHS) via public pathways to Rockport Village
 - 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 was pulled together after a few years of inactivity to review a sizeable list of items that were gathered from department heads and committee chairs.

Megan Brackett developed a spread sheet that we worked from with the goal of prioritizing each item in one of six categories:

- 1= Urgent
- 2= Necessary
- 3 = Desirable
- 4= Preferable
- 5= Not Needed
- 6= Underway

Capital Improvement Committee

Allen Mitchell, Chair
Steven D. Dailey
William J. Leone
Mike Robertson
Jeffrey Kubel
Richard Remsen

Our meetings started in June 2017 with 2 new members, Bill Leone and Jeff Charland. Steve Dailey and Steve Corson are returning to serve, alongside myself.

We first visited each site to review the items and gain a better understanding of what the request was for.

Second, we met with department heads and committee chairs to discuss their requests and further understand the need. Safety, liability, structural failure, lack of space, public access, etc., were discussed to assist the committee in making a decision.

One thing to understand was that we are dealing with Capital Improvements and not maintenance items, miscellaneous repair or small wish list items. Presently we are charged with projects over \$5,000 in value.

The committee feels this amount is too low and should be in the range of \$25,000 and up. This will be further discussed in the future.

After our review and meetings with department heads and committee chairs was completed, we categorized each item as outlined above and presented the list to the Town Manager and Selectmen for their use in planning and budgets.

Allen Mitchell, Chair



Coastal Mountains Land Trust

Ian Stewart, Executive Director

www.coastalmountains.org

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 10,000 acres throughout our service region, and now offer 40 miles of trails for public access.

The Land Trust has completed 33 conservation projects in Rockport. We have protected 531 acres using conservation easements, a permanent agreement that keeps land in private ownership while protecting critical resources of the property. We also own properties that have extraordinary conservation value, totaling 708 acres in Rockport. These properties are part of the network of preserves we are establishing throughout the region. Our preserves are open to the public for hiking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing and other activities that do not degrade the natural and scenic features of the properties. For a schedule of outings and events that are open to the public, please see our website (www.coastalmountains.org) for details.

Beech Hill Preserve, which we manage in part as a MOFGA-certified organic blueberry farm, is the site of the very popular annual public blueberry pick. On Ragged Mountain, discussions with landowners continue on pending projects. Progress continues to further the vision of a four-season, nine-mile Round the Mountain trail originating at the Camden Snow Bowl and crossing over 4.5 miles through Rockport. The trail will serve as an artery for expanded systems of trails and will help convert our area into a true four-season recreational destination.

Our office is located at 101 Mt. Battie Street in Camden. We are 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 and register for our monthly ENews.





Conservation Commission

Left to right

Fred Ribeck
 Kimberly Kimball, Chair
 Marci Annis Casas
 Maggie Timmermann
 Ted Skowronski

Not pictured, Lora Laffan

Water, Land, Agriculture & Forests, Education & Policy

Water

To ensure resource conservation, we address the effects of land use activity on water quality both inland and on the harbor. By using various water sampling and testing methods, we are able to maintain high standards that preserve safe residential well water, water-dependent traditional commerce and recreational uses.

Rockport Harbor

The Conservation Commission routinely monitors the quality of water in Rockport Harbor, the Goose River and the four smaller streams that drain directly to the harbor as a means to detect potential problems and identify trends. This effort is supported, in part, by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) through the Volunteer River Monitoring Program. Data collected by the Conservation Commission are summarized annually by the MDEP and posted to their website 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 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 as a means to control and reduce water quality impacts to Goodie's Beach and Rockport Harbor.

- *Bob Kennedy*

Free Arsenic Testing for Rockport Well Owners

The RCC teamed up with Camden to offer free arsenic tests to residents with well water. The program was created to generate awareness about safe drinking water and is being done in conjunction with a Maine State Housing Authority grant that provides arsenic remediation to eligible households. The program was well received and more than 70 wells were tested. The next

Mission Statement

The Rockport Conservation Commission promote the protection, conservation and enhancement of the natural resources of Rockport. The Commission is responsible for conducting research, educating the public and making recommendations to appropriate town bodies. The Commission works with other conservation organizations throughout the region to sustain the natural ecosystems for current and future generations to use and enjoy.

step is the process is to review and map the data. We hope to continue to provide similar water quality testing opportunities to our residents in the future.

- *Marci Casas*

Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program

RCC is hoping to expand upon our River Monitoring Program by joining forces with the Volunteer Lake Monitoring Program. In March we plan to mail letters to residents who live near the five lakes/ponds in Rockport that we want to monitor (including Lily, Maces, Rocky, Chickawaukie and Hosmer) to see if they are interested in participating. We are seeking more than a dozen volunteers to help gather samples every two weeks throughout the summer. Lora Laffan will coordinate volunteers for this initiative. Please reach out if you are interested in participating.

-*Marci Casas*

Lily Pond

Lily Pond, once renowned for its clear water, experienced poor water quality conditions in the 1970's 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. The Conservation Commission is collaborating with the Maine Department of Environmental Protection in their efforts to remove Lily Pond from the impaired lakes list.

- *Bob Kennedy & Marci Casas*

Land

RCC supports future land planning through our Tree Growth Farm, by supporting local non-profits 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 (KRB) road clean-up campaign, a grassroots foundation started by our member Maggie Timmerman, who has won the Award for Eco Maine Eco-Excellence 2018. KRB began as a citizens group that was concerned about litter on our roads and in our parks. This spring marks our sixth coordinated road clean-up. Each time we clean about 25 miles of road; to date, we have collected approximately five thousand pounds of litter.

Town Easements

As required annually, Ted Skowronski inspects Rockport's conservation easements and files them accordingly to the Maine Department of Agriculture.

Collaboration with Coastal Mountain Land Trust

In 2017, the RCC approached Coastal Mountain Land Trust (CMLT) to investigate how we could partner with the Land Trust on their efforts to establish conservation easements on land around Mirror Lake and Grassy Pond. A great deal of the land is in Rockport, especially around Grassy Pond. Ian Stewart, the Executive Director of CMLT, made a presentation to the RCC about the organization's efforts to purchase conservation easements from Maine Water. Ian highlighted the recreation opportunities that will be available for future generations of Rockport residents, and for all people, in these two ecologically significant open spaces. Activities include hiking, fishing, X-C skiing, mountain biking, canoeing, kayaking and of course protecting wildlife habitat (certain recreational activities will be allowed in selected areas). A four-mile trail around Ragged Mountain is the first effort with Grassy Pond as the second effort. The RCC has voted to pursue collaborating with CMLT on their conservation efforts.

As a start, Fred Ribeck of the RCC will be attending upcoming CMLT project planning sessions regarding the trail project.

Agriculture and Forests

RCC supports future land planning with our Tree Growth Farm. 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

We grow trees at Erickson Farm, then donate them to the Town/Garden Club to give away. In years past, the town has purchased trees as ours will not be large enough to plant for 5 more years. The trees are available to any Rockport resident to apply for if they have road frontage. The Town and the Garden Club will decide on the best candidates and appropriate trees given to the site. Applications for this program are held at the Town Office.

Emerald Ash Borer Awareness

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 in damage. As of June 2017, it had not yet been discovered in Maine but EAB will inevitably arrive in the state in the near future. 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 report that number back to us.



**Maine School Administrative District #28
and Five Town Community School
District**

Maria Libby, Superintendent
www.fivetowns.net

We Are in This Together

I am in my 3rd year as Superintendent in MSAD #28 and the Five Town CSD, and in my 20th year as an educator in our districts. I am seasoned in many ways, and although I have a great deal of confidence in my ability to lead our districts, I am still humbled with the responsibility entrusted in my position. I am inspired every day by someone in our educational community, whether that is a retiree in town who reaches out to offer a helping hand, a student courageous enough to speak their truth, a custodian who takes pride in making sure our buildings sparkle, a teacher who built a quality relationship with a student who needed it, or a parent who sends a word of encouragement. We have an incredible array of talent in our district from our school board members to our bus drivers to our student artists. This talent is coupled with a commitment that is rare. We have a district full of people committed to the work we are doing together. It should make our community proud.

While we have a superb system, I genuinely think our societal culture is making it harder and harder to work in public education. I am working hard to prevent this from negatively impacting our educational system, but it is difficult to stem this tide and I need our community's help. This year in particular, I have witnessed and experienced the struggles that can come with public service, particularly in education, more sharply than ever before. Teachers and administrators take the brunt of a public that is quick to react, criticize and blame. I fear that many excellent and dedicated educators will be driven out of public education because the burden is so heavy. As a nation, this would be a devastating outcome. We need good, caring, bright people to choose, and stay in, careers in education.

In our system, we work hard to maintain and build upon our strengths. We keep up with current practice, we are reasonable, compassionate, and sensible in our approach to issues, and we think about economic efficiency in whatever we do. We have been blessed with resources, but we don't rest on our laurels. Our expectations are high, yet we want students and teachers to find the right balance in life. Educating young people is a complex endeavor, especially when it encompasses social and emotional growth as well as intellectual growth. Our system will continue to thrive if the community continues to support our work and shows trust in our expertise.

We are fortunate to have strong leaders in our schools. Administration is a balance between dealing with daily concerns and finding the time to be thoughtful about the future. Leadership matters. Under Chris Walker-Spencer's leadership, the elementary school has made a significant investment in time and resources in the Maine Literacy Partnership to help improve reading instruction. Under Jaime Stone's leadership, the middle school continues to develop projects where students deeply engage in their learning and the halls are alive with excitement. I witness so many students demonstrating a deep affection for Chris and Jaime – they connect with students in such a meaningful way.

Undoubtedly, one of the best decisions I have made in my tenure as Superintendent was to hire Shawn Carlson as the high school principal. He has taken a group of extremely talented teachers and provided them the direction and leadership they needed to truly thrive as a collective faculty. They say it takes 3 – 5 years to really get your feet on the ground as a building principal, but Shawn has done a remarkable job in his first year. I look forward to seeing the true potential of Camden Hills be unleashed under his leadership. I can't imagine working with a better administrative team. Our team challenges one another, supports one another, and stays focused on the heart of education – what happens in a classroom between teachers and students.

One of the most important initiatives we have worked on this year in MSAD #28 is the Strategic Plan that will guide the district's work over the next four years. The plan will be finalized this spring and unveiled next fall and includes an awesome new mission statement: BE KIND. WORK HARD. KEEP LEARNING. In addition, our areas of focus will be a healthy environment, teaching and learning, and effective project management. The plan, which has been developed with the help of students, staff, and parents, will clearly reflect our desire to become the best version of an educational system that we can be.

We recognize that next fall's tax bills will reflect the bond for the new middle school construction project, and that it will be a stretch for some families. We are pleased to have a high school (CSD) budget with a decrease in expenditures. This is mostly due to a change in the way the state will henceforth fund Career and Technical Education. As a result, our payment to Mid-Coast School of Technology is decreasing from more than \$1million to less than \$100,000, exclusive of the new debt service for their new building. The debt service payment will increase our expenses by approximately \$700,000, but the overall impact is a decrease in a year we thought we would experience a significant increase. We are passing those savings on to taxpayers, although realize that Camden and Rockport will be offset by the K-8 increase due to the new middle school.

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. As we embark on a monumental project that will leave a lasting legacy in our community, we thank you for your support.





Over the past year, many meetings were dedicated to revise the Harbor ordinance such that current issues can be appropriately addressed in a timely manner with proper guidance and communication. These revisions provide both clarity and transparency regarding ordinance intention and issue resolution. The comprehensive plan regarding the future design of the town dock arrangement and the overall asset preservation plan were also discussed and recommendations made to the Select Board. Harbor usage fees were studied, compared to neighboring towns and cities, and revised proposals submitted for implementation in the current season. Lastly, discussions regarding several environmental sustainability items have been held, recommendations agreed upon, and proposals made to the Select Board.

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.



Harbor Committee

Left to right

Jeff Hamilton, Vice-Chair
Sam Temple, Chair
Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster
Tim Hoffman
Diane Hamilton, Recording
Secretary Douglas Cole, Select
Board Liaison Peter Ralston

Missing from picture:
Barbara Chapman
Parker Hackett
Peter Van der Kieft
Mike Young, Public Works Director

Mission Statement

The Harbor Committee shall be convened at the request of the Town Manager, Harbormaster, Chairman of the Harbor Committee, or Select Board, as the need may arise. The duties and responsibilities of the Harbor Committee shall include, but not be limited to, 1. recommending to the Select Board policies, regulations and procedures for the safe and orderly use of Rockport Harbor, 2. Recommending solutions to resolve problems that may arise during the year concerning the use of the harbor, 3. reviewing and commenting on the annual Harbormaster budget and 4. reviewing proposals for the construction of piers, wharves, breakwaters, marine railways or bulkheads within the waters of Rockport.

Holiday on the Harbor

December 9, 2017

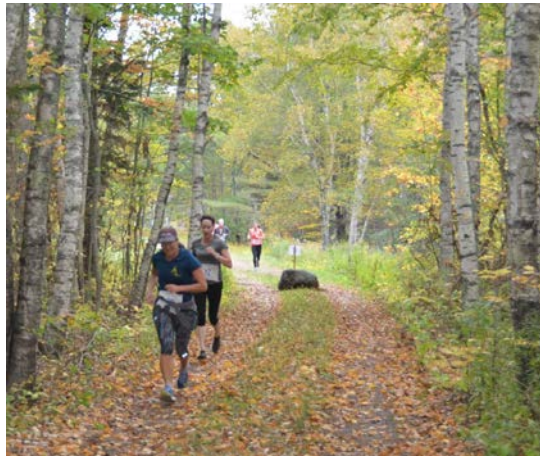
Holiday on the Harbor Committee

Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster
Peter Ralston, Ralston Gallery
Terri Lea Smith, Opera House Manager
Mike Young, Public Works Director
Diane Hamilton, Executive Assistant
Monica Kelley, Executive Director, Bay Chamber
Concerts

This is an Annual Event in December that would not be possible without help from all the volunteers!



We had another great year – thank you all for coming!



Legacy Rockport

Charlton Ames, Co-President and Treasurer
Dave Jackson, Co-President and Secretary
Richard Remsen
Lynda Clancy
William Chapman
Kenneth McKinley, Select Board Liaison

Legacy Rockport 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.

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 third full year of work, following official incorporation as a nonprofit in 2015.

2017-2018 orders of business:

1) Help Erickson Fields and Maine Coast Heritage Trust raise funds and complete the new Connector Trail that extends from Route 90 to its intersection near the top of Beech Hill Road.

The new Erickson Fields Trail and the potential for further connections enhance the community's common goal of connecting paths into a wider network that provides alternative ways to travel between villages and neighborhoods, and benefits everyone.

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

3) Initiate 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) Contribute to the effort of restoring the iconic Andre the Seal statue in Rockport Harbor.

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

Since 1980 the five-person Library Committee oversees the library endowment(s) and additional donations made to the library and desk income (library fines, printing, nonresident library accounts, etc.). All trust and endowment funds are managed by the F.L. Putnam Investment management company. These funds are restricted to the benefit and maintenance of the Rockport Public Library.

<p style="text-align: center;">Library Committee</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ann Filley, Chair Stephanie Kumble, Secretary Eliza Haselton, Treasurer Cheryl Liechty Heaven Bartlett Ben Blackmon, Library Director</p>
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Please note the committee Treasurer’s report regarding the status of those funds as of June 30, 2017.

The committee works closely with the director on a budget, library policies and long-range planning, while helping to generate further income to support the library programs. The interest from the library endowment, generous donations and desk income support 20% to 30% of the library’s budget, but do not include employee salaries and benefits.

In terms of long-range planning, the committee has been integral to start the funding process of the new library building, which includes voting to move a large amount to the new town building fund and in partnership on several library building committees.

The committee members are heartened by the work of the Select Board and the forward movement on building a new library in Rockport. The Select Board hired Stephen Smith Architects to lead the design of a new library in December 2017, and since then much work has been done to develop a comprehensive building plan that will meet the needs of the town, have room for expansion, and honor the long history of providing a library in the downtown village. This plan will take advantage of the unique location to the harbor. The committee supports the current direction of a new library building which is budgeted at three million dollars, with a 50/50 split between taxpayers and private fundraising.

The goal is to break ground at the Limerock Street in early 2019. This is a great opportunity to build a library that can continue to comfortably provide the programs that we offer today while being able to adapt to the needs of the future.

Join us in helping to make this a reality for our town by donations to the New Building Fund, or to the library, or become a member of the Library Committee. Remember that your library is a bridge to so many wonderful resources!

Library Committee meetings are held monthly, and the public is always welcome. Our meetings are posted on the town’s online calendar.

Ann Filley
Library Committee Chair

Members of the Opera House Committee work in an advisory capacity with the citizens of Rockport, the Select Board, Town Manager, Opera House Manager, and all organizations who may make use of the facility to ensure the continued physical integrity and sound fiscal operation of our valued community resource for residents and visitors.

Opera House Committee

Sani Fogel, Chair Pro Temp

David Jackson, Vice-Chair

Bill Kelly

Linda Greenlaw

Chris Fasoldt

Improvements and/or recommendations advanced by the committee for the year 2017 include:

- Guidance and recommendations on fund-raising for the Rockport Opera House 125th Celebration as well as activities planned for the event.
- Recommendations on keeping the current Genie lift on location at Rockport Opera House and where to store it. In addition, the Committee advised replacing the current Genie lift with a newer, safer model and to look into remodeling the custodial closet in the Auditorium to fit storage of a new Genie lift or the current Genie lift.
- Recommendations on improvements to the exterior lighting of the building.
- Began discussions and planning for an annual Rockport Folk Festival to be held at Rockport Opera House with Liaison Tom Gray leading the organization of the event. The Committee made recommendations on who to reach out to for booking musicians. The goal is to hold the first Folk Festival in 2018. Date to be determined.
- Review of rental rates and policies in collaboration with the House Manager to promote increased usage of the facility.

We thank Rick Bates, Mike Young, Terri Lea Smith, and Tom Gray for their continued guidance and support as we strive to preserve and expand usage of our most valuable community resource.



Our paramount concern is the preservation of all green space in Rockport. During 2017 we were pleased to take part in the following projects:

Mary Lea Park

We addressed the issue of whether or not we should recommend adding a pathway from the parking lot to the street above, which would bisect the park. Members agreed to not recommend such a pathway until we can assess the impact of the hotel to be built on the adjoining property.

The memorial stone was moved to a more visible location. Work remaining in Mary Lea Park: The path still needs more stones to cover the weed fabric. We have been advocating for this work for years with no results. It is time to consider hiring a contractor to get it done. We still want to either replace the wooden fence along Central Street or remove it.

Veterans Memorial Park

The committee passed a resolution that we should be consulted about any changes in the park necessitated by the siting of a new library at 1 Limerock Street. A landscape architect, not the building architect, should manage those changes.

Other

For the second year Farley & Son planted the Pascal Avenue/Route 1 Traffic Island. It should be noted that Farley & Son donated their services watering the colorful petunias. Some trees and shrubs have been cut or removed to improve the view from the Pascal Avenue Lookout. This needs to be an ongoing project.

We thank Town Manager Rick Bates and Public Works Director Mike Young for their advice and support. A special thank-you goes to the Rockport Garden Club and their representative, Theresa Davis, for supporting our efforts and partnering with us to achieve our goals.

Parks Committee

Dave Jackson, Chair
 Noni Ames, Vice-Chair
 Ames Curtis
 Sani Wolf
 Gretchen Leone
 Jim Sady
 Theresa Davis, Rockport Garden Club
 Mark Kelley, Select Board Liaison

Mission Statement

The mission of the Parks Committee is to advise the Select Board and Town Manager in matters regarding town parks. The committee also collaborates with other town committees and private community groups that have an interest in or responsibility for outdoor spaces within the Town of Rockport, such as the Camden-Rockport Pathways Committee, the Recreation Committee, the Harbor Committee, the Opera House Committee, and the Rockport Garden Club.

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 has been working with Rockport Public Works to implement an annual facility and ball field maintenance working plan. Many hours of research, general planning and financial planning have been spent to create a comprehensive plan to keep the facilities well maintained year after year.

It is our hope that by doing so we have accomplished four things:

- prevent the occurrence of major disrepair of our recreation facilities that could require costly unexpected repairs,
- maintain safe facilities for the community to use,
- prevent confusion between the town and youth organizations as to who is responsible for certain expenses, and
- save time and confusion in the future by providing a maintenance schedule that is funded and can be easily followed even through changes in committee members and town employees.

It is the goal of the committee to have a long-term care plan in place that is both funded and implemented by the town to sustain high quality facilities for the community.

With the maintenance plan well under way, the committee is hoping to spend the upcoming year focusing more on community recreation programs and outreach, as well as communication to the public. We will be contemplating online scheduling and calendar formats, as well as new possibilities for recreation in Rockport.

The Rockport Recreation Committee will continue working with organizations and the community to promote recreation and maintain safe, functioning recreational spaces. The Rockport Recreation Committee meets publicly from March to October on the first Tuesday of each month, at 8:30 a.m, at the Midcoast Recreation Center. Community members are welcome. If you are interested in joining the committee, please contact the Town Office.

Recreation Committee

Suzanne Johndro, Chair
Craig Wilson, Vice-Chair
Ron Howard
Barrett Brown
Rachel McCormick

Owen Casas, Select Board Liaison

Mission Statement

To advise the Select Board and Town Manager in matters regarding town recreation fields and their use and to 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.



Town Manager - Rick Bates
Water Safety Training

Safety Committee

Jason Peasley, Chair
Megan Brackett, Vice-Chair
Rick Bates
Randy Gagne
Ben Blackmon
Mike Young
Abbie Leonard
Diane Hamilton, Safety Training Coordinator

Mission Statement

The Town recognizes that safeguarding the health and welfare of its employees in the workplace is not only legally required, but also is of mutual benefit to the Town and its employees. To that end, the Town is committed to the goal of providing a safe place for employment through sound operating practices and proper training, designed to result in safe and efficient working conditions for all employees

This committee focuses on safety training for all employees, updating safety policies and addressing all safety issues and concerns for the Town. The Town Safety Plan and Emergency Operations Plan were revised in 2017 and we are currently writing a non-smoking policy.

We want 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 department of labor compliance directive for the appropriate department.

Every month we have an employee safety training. In 2017, completed training programs were Video Display Terminal (VDT), Bloodborne Pathogen, Hazardous Communications, Fire Extinguisher, Automated External Defibrillator (AED), First Aid, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR), Emergency Action Plan, Hands-on Fire Extinguisher, Active Shooter, Tick Talk, Water Safety, Safety Jeopardy, Social Style Training and Slips, Trips and Falls.

So far for 2018 our topics have been Sexual Harassment, VDT, Fire Extinguisher, Panic Buttons, Situational Awareness, Meth Lab Awareness and Domestic Violence Awareness.

The goal is to have the entire Town of Rockport Safety and Health Award for Public Employers (SHAPE) compliant. 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 your 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 of 2016. The Town Office, Police Department and Library will be having their SHAPE interviews in July of 2018.

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

Looking forward to another safe year!



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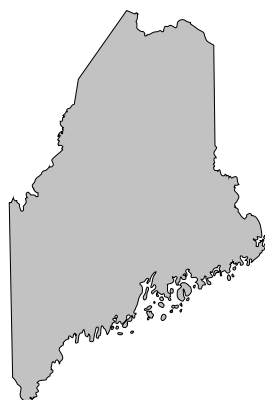
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STATE FACTS

The Pine Tree State
Capital.....Augusta
Statehood.....March 15, 1820
State Bird.....Chickadee
State Tree.... White Pine
State Flower... White Pine Cone
Song....State of Maine Song
State Motto....Dirigo



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1 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, MAINE
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PAUL R. LePAGE

GOVERNOR

Dear Citizens of Rockport:

For the past seven years as your Governor, my priority has been to make Maine—our people—prosper. Helping you keep more money in your wallet by reducing taxes has been part of that mission.

Too many Maine families are facing skyrocketing property taxes that strain household budgets. Our elderly on fixed incomes are particularly vulnerable to these increases. School budgets are often blamed for annual increases in property taxes. But there's another reason. A tremendous amount of land and property value has been taken off the tax rolls, leaving homeowners to pick up the tab.

As of 2016, towns and cities owned land and buildings valued at nearly \$5.5 billion statewide. Large and wealthy non-profits, such as hospitals and colleges, often escape paying property taxes on their vast real estate holdings—totaling more than \$5.1 billion statewide.

In Maine, nearly 2.5 million acres of land have been set aside for conservation by the federal and state governments and non-profit organizations, including land trusts. Municipalities are losing out on property taxes on an estimated \$2 billion in land that has been either removed from the tax rolls or prohibited from development—shifting the cost of municipal services to local homeowners through higher property taxes.

It's time to recognize the results of taking property off the tax rolls and identify solutions to reduce the burden on our homeowners. My administration's proposals have been met with staunch resistance.

In 1993, about 35,800 acres of land were documented as land-trust owned. That number has increased by an astonishing 1,270 percent. Land trusts now control over 490,000 acres with an estimated value of \$403 million. We must restore the balance. We will be working this session to ensure all land owners are contributing to the local tax base. It's time for them to pay their fair share.

I encourage you to ask your local officials how much land in your municipality has been taken off the tax rolls, as well as how much in tax revenue that land would have been contributing today to offset your property taxes.

If ever I can be of assistance to you or if you have any questions or suggestions, I encourage you to contact my office by calling 287-3531 or by visiting our website at www.maine.gov/governor.

Sincerely,



Paul R. LePage
Governor

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Hello Friends and Neighbors,

First, if you are reading this it means that you have taken enough of an interest in your municipality to pick up and read the Annual Report. Thank you! I appreciate you taking the time and energy needed to be involved in the wellbeing of our community and hope that you can also find the time to follow state and federal policies that could affect our daily lives. A well informed citizenry is the life blood of a high functioning democracy so thank you for doing your part.

As your Representative in Augusta I sit on the Veterans and Legal Affairs committee and have very much enjoyed working with my colleagues on topics ranging from election and landlord/tenant laws to brewery regulations and Veterans services. However, you get out of the legislature what you put in, so I find myself further involved in issues like Medicaid expansion, firearms and mental health, and recreational marijuana rules. The topics of discussion are endless in our Capital, so it is always appreciated when constituents reach out with their thoughts and perspectives on issues.

One item from last session I want to highlight is our state ID cards and federal Real ID laws. Last year a state law was passed that “complied” with federal Real ID law. Because of this action, Homeland Security has extended our waiver to use Maine state ID’s to board planes and enter federal buildings until October 2018. Future waivers are possible; however, the Maine Secretary of State’s office is aiming for Aug 2019 to start offering new, fully compliant, state Real ID’s. Note that our state law does not require an individual to obtain a Real ID, primarily because Real ID requires facial scanning and biometric data, which some might view as personally invasive. Although the state does not require this compliance, Homeland Security does, and has set a date of Jan 2020 to no longer accept any non Real ID identification. Meaning, if you wanted to ride a plane or enter a federal building/installation, you would need to have a valid US passport or some other Real ID compliant identification to do so.

Lastly, if you have not done so, please check the Unclaimed Property list held by our State Treasurer. You might have some money waiting for you! <https://maineunclaimedproperty.gov/>

It is my absolute pleasure to represent you in Augusta and please do not hesitate to reach out with your thoughts, questions, ideas and concerns.

Respectfully,

Owen Casás

District 94 - Camden, Islesboro and Rockport

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.

Maine has the oldest average age in the nation. As Chairman of the Senate Aging Committee, my top three priorities for the Committee are fighting fraud and financial abuse directed at our nation's seniors, increasing investments in biomedical research, and improving retirement security. Following the Committee's investigation into skyrocketing prescription drug costs, I authored bipartisan legislation to foster generic competition, which was signed into law. The Aging Committee's toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) makes it easier for seniors to report suspected fraud and receive assistance. To support the 40 million family caregivers in the United States, I am proud to have authored the RAISE Family Caregivers Act to create a coordinated strategy to support family members who make countless personal and financial sacrifices to care for their loved ones.

The opioid crisis touches families and communities across our state. As a member of the Appropriations Committee, I fought for significant increases in funding to support community, law-enforcement, and public health efforts. In April, the State of Maine was awarded over \$2 million to fight this devastating public health crisis. Additionally, I have authored legislation to support grandparents and other extended family members who are raising grandchildren as a result of the nation's opioid epidemic.

Biomedical research has the potential to improve and save lives, and also supports good jobs at research facilities here in Maine. Last year, the Appropriations Committee approved a \$2 billion increase for the National Institutes of Health for the third consecutive year. This includes an increase of nearly 30 percent for research on Alzheimer's, our nation's most costly disease. As founder and co-chair of the Senate Diabetes Caucus, I work to raise awareness of the threats posed by diabetes, invest in research, and improve access to treatment options. My bill to establish a national commission of health care experts on diabetes care and prevention was signed into law in 2017.

We owe our veterans so much. Last year, I worked to secure the authorization of a Community-Based Outpatient Clinic in Portland to support the health care of Maine's veterans in the southern part of our state. I also worked to secure funding extensions to help veterans throughout rural Maine receive health care within their communities. I also worked to secure funding for housing vouchers for veterans to reduce veterans' homelessness.

Maine's contributions to our national security stretch from Kittery to Limestone. I successfully advocated for critical funding for projects at the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard for construction of an additional ship that will likely be built at Bath Iron Works. This funding will strengthen our national security and preserve great jobs in our state.

As chairman of the Transportation and Housing Appropriations Subcommittee, I worked to increase funding for the TIGER program that has provided Maine with more than \$122 million for vital transportation projects. For housing, I worked to provide \$160 million to help communities protect children from the harmful effects of lead poisoning.

Growing our economy remains a top priority. I supported the comprehensive tax reform bill because it will help lower- and middle-income families keep more of their hard-earned money; boost the economy; and

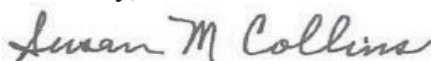
encourage businesses, both small and large, to grow and create jobs here in Maine and around the country. This legislation contains key provisions I authored that are important to Mainers, including preserving the deduction

for state and local taxes, expanding the deduction for medical expenses, and enabling public employees such as firefighters, teachers, and police officers, as well as clergy and employees of nonprofits, to make “catch-up” contributions to their retirement accounts. I led the effort to ensure that the tax cut will not trigger automatic budget cuts to Medicare or any other programs.

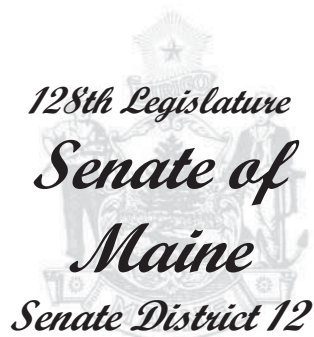
A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As of December 2017, I have cast more than 6,500 consecutive votes, continuing my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997.

I appreciate the opportunity to serve Knox County and Maine in the United States Senate. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Augusta office at 207-622-8414 or visit my website at www.collins.senate.gov. May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community, and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Susan M. Collins". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Susan M. Collins
United States Senator



Senator David Miramant
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Dear Residents of Rockport,

I hope 2018 finds you and your family doing well. It is an honor to represent you and this community as your State Senator.

This past year, the Legislature made progress in providing direct property tax relief to Maine homeowners. I fought tirelessly to increase the Homestead Property Exemption from \$15,000 to \$20,000. In addition to direct property tax relief, we also protected state funding for local services such as fire departments and road maintenance and increased public K-12 education funding by \$162 million over the biennium. These efforts will decrease the pressure on municipalities to increase mil rates. I know this is a top priority for many in our district and I will continue to work towards greater relief.

I would also like to share some information about the state's unclaimed property list. "Unclaimed property" is money owed to Maine people by third parties, such as former employers, banks or utility companies. Organizations are required to give unclaimed property to the State Treasurer after a specified period of time, after which the owner of the unclaimed property can retrieve it from the state. Even if you have done everything right, you could have unclaimed property. It could be from a forgotten account, an overpaid bill or uncollected wages. This money could be unclaimed as a result of a change in name, addresses or bank account. Visit maine.gov/unclaimed or call 1-888-283-2808 to see if you have any unclaimed property.

This past session, we considered over 1,600 pieces of legislation on a variety of issues. As part of my effort to bring matters happening in Augusta back home to our district, I am pleased to email a legislative newsletter to share information about ongoing legislative issues and useful resources. Please contact me to join. I can be reached locally at (207) 236-4845 or by email at davemiramant@gmail.com.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to represent you in the Legislature. I look forward to seeing you around town.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dave Miramant", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Dave Miramant
State Senator

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CHELLIE PINGREE
CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES
1ST DISTRICT, MAINE

Dear Friend,

I hope this letter finds you well. It's a privilege to share an update on my work to represent you and your family in Washington and in Maine.

Even though Washington is so bitterly divided these days, I've continued to look for bipartisan opportunities to address issues important to our state. Nearly all the bills I've introduced this Congress have Republican cosponsors.

One piece of legislation would help protect our state's economy by investing in working waterfronts. Another would allow Mainers to import less expensive prescriptions from Canada. And several bills would help our farmers capitalize on the fastest growing areas of agriculture—local and organic sales— by investing in research, increasing consumer access to healthy food, and improving farmer programs.

I'm happy to report bipartisan victories for our veterans as well. After working for years with Maine's Congressional Delegation, we were finally able to push a much-needed expansion of the Portland VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic through Congress. Legislation I introduced to help veterans who find themselves in debt to the Department of Veterans Affairs unanimously passed the House of Representatives. And full GI Bill benefits were extended to a group of veterans who had been denied them previously—an issue I've introduced legislation to address.

While I strive to find common ground with my colleagues on everything from rural broadband access to economic development, there are many areas where I will not compromise. I have serious concerns about direction the Trump Administration and its allies in Congress are taking our country. In so many ways, they have abandoned America's leadership in the world, made our country less safe, and are jeopardizing our future. They've weakened our health care system, rigged the tax code against working families, and endangered the environment. With one hand, they are taking away resources our families and communities need. With the other, they are offering generous giveaways to giant corporations and the wealthiest Americans.

Over the last year, I've received an unprecedented amount of feedback on these issues from my constituents. With their concerns and interests in mind, I have fought hard against these policies. I will continue using my role in Congress and the Appropriations Committee to hold the Administration and the President accountable.

Please keep in touch with your views or if there is anything I might be able to help you with. My office assists hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal programs or agencies. It's an honor to serve you.

Take care,



Chellie Pingree
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January 3, 2018

Dear Friends,

Representing Maine in the United States Senate is an honor.

I continue my work on the Senate Armed Services Committee, each year authorizing the funding required to build our military capabilities and ensuring that our service members are trained and equipped to defend our nation. I was pleased to be part of a bipartisan effort to enact a new law to simplify the appeals review process to reduce the backlog our veterans are facing, as well as a new law that provides critical funding to the VA Choice Program, allowing veterans in rural Maine to access services closer to home.

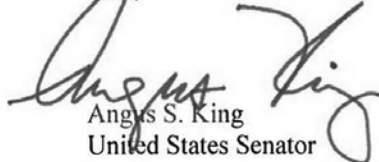
While my committee work is important, working to combat the opioid epidemic is one of my top priorities. Although Congress has made some important strides, much remains to be done to provide additional funding for prevention, treatment and enforcement. I am working with colleagues on both sides of the aisle to pressure the Drug Enforcement Administration to reduce the amount of opioids produced and to thwart the flow of fentanyl and other deadly drugs into our country.

I am very optimistic about the integrated, multiagency effort I led with Senator Collins to foster innovation and commercialization in Maine's forest economy. Through the Economic Development Assessment Team (EDAT) we are already experiencing increased federal investments that will strengthen our existing forest products industry and help support job creation in rural communities. Initiatives like Cross Laminated Timber, Combined Heat and Power, nanocellulose, 3D printing with biobased materials and other biobased products will mean that Maine's wood-basket will continue to be a major jobs and economic contributor for our future.

Finally, the coming year will continue the work of the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence in the ongoing investigation of Russian interference in the 2016 election. Our Committee has held seven public hearings and numerous classified sessions, reviewed tens of thousands of pages of documents and conducted hundreds of interviews. I remain focused on the security of our elections and committed to developing strategies to prevent interference by foreign governments in our democracy.

May 2018 be a good year for you, your family, your community and our great State.

Best,



Angus S. King
United States Senator

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SUPPLEMENTALS

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

2017 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

60 Kennebec, LLC	\$ 5,013.52
Allenwood, Sara N	\$ 1,784.22
Ames, Shay E	\$ 1,609.33
Ames, Shay E	\$ 1,609.33
Anctil, Michael D	\$ 88.50
Annis, Herbert C & Grace	\$ 6,292.74
Annis, Herbert C & Grace	\$ 1,061.09
Anzelc, Richard M III	\$ 44.25
Barger, Scot M & Melinda B	\$ 78.18
Beaudoing, Raymond H J, Tr	\$ 16.22
Beaudoing, Raymond H J, Tr	\$ 88.50
Becker, Robert A & Kathleen A	\$ 2,424.90
Becker, Robert A & Kathleen A	\$ 1,013.33
Begin, Maurice L & Paule L	\$ 88.50
Bonazzoli, Laura M	\$ 1,711.00
Borichevsky, Suzanne G & Johnn F	\$ 57.53
Bornstein, Mirian E	\$ 8,923.75
Boyson, Jonathan E & Maria C	\$ 23.60
Boyson, Scott A & Norma L	\$ 57.53
Brooks, Jana L	\$ 11.80
Camden Tax & Financial	\$ 62.82
Compton, Judith M	\$ 6,813.03
Counce, Nancy J -Pr Estate of Gordon K Stanley	\$ 2,469.15
Dean, Stephen J & Ann T	\$ 32.45
Dechaine, Claude; Claudia Pellern; Gladys Dechaine	\$ 125.38
Dechaine, Claude; Claudia Pellern; Gladys Dechaine	\$ 78.18
Dehart, Timothy N & Karli J	\$ 1,287.68
Dehart, Timothy N & Karli J	\$ 3,227.30
Driscoll, Robert M & Priscilla A	\$ 88.50
Driscoll, Robert M, Priscilla A & Timothy R	\$ 125.38
Dunning, Stephanie	\$ 1,032.50
Elias, Daniel W & Patricia C	\$ 88.48
Elwin, Elizabeth A	\$ 8,841.60
Ge Hfs, LLC	\$ 4,679.58
Gildred, Frederick K & Rebecca E Jinno	\$ 259.60
Griffin, Daniel J & Jeanneen V	\$ 5,808.55
Hatfield, Carolee & Steven	\$ 570.82

Hersom, Karen D	\$ 44.25
Hicks, Ronald F & Odell, Maryellen	\$ 43.25
Hirshberg, Davis A & Rotchana	\$ 3,842.38
Jameson, Margaret R & Sutton, Lea A	\$ 69.33
Jinno, David H & Margaret E	\$ 4,214.08
Johnson, Ronald	\$ 668.18
Johnson, William S & Deborah	\$ 44.25
Kelley, Peter S & Marcia M	\$ 88.50
Kelly, Maura C	\$ 10.33
Kelly, Maura C	\$ 13.27
Kelly, Maura C	\$ 23.60
Maccoole, Maxwell H	\$ 4,752.89
Marshall, Robert T & Kathleen M	\$ 69.33
Mccalman, Jaqueline	\$ 57.53
Mcmanus, Christopher P & Laurie A	\$ 238.95
Mcsorely, Grace J, Tr: Grace J Mcsorely, Rev Trust	\$ 10.33
Mitchell, Sandra E	\$ 5,460.45
Morlet, Madeleine J & Fowlie, Benjamin J	\$ 1,721.32
Morse, Sandra L & Kristopher R	\$ 10.33
Murray, Lynwood C, Jr & Elizabeth Ann	\$ 22.13
Niboli, Lance A & Cathy F	\$ 98.82
O'Connor, Marie J	\$ 22.13
O'Keefe, Edward J & Shirley P	\$ 1,541.38
Oldfield, Bruce K	\$ 44.25
Real Packaging Solutions Inc	\$ 57.53
Roberge, Raymon J & Marianne S	\$ 22.13
Roy, Carol A & Kenneth J	\$ 26.55
Roy, Carol A & Kenneth J; Roy, Stephen A & Joshua A	\$ 13.27
Roy, Carol A, Kenneth J, Stephen A & Joshua A	\$ 56.05
Roy, Carol A, Kenneth J, Stephen A & Joshua A	\$ 56.05
Sacchetti, Julie C	\$ 30.98
Samoset Resort Timeshare Estates	\$ 10.33
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Saniuliano, Paul & Debra L	\$ 1,870.30

Scott, Marc C, Tr	\$ 5,047.45
Smith, Stuart G & Marianne W	\$ 6,376.42
Standley, William & Karen	\$ 57.53
Stargardt, Herman A & Eleanor B	\$ 56.05
Talcott, Melody	\$ 3,416.10
Withee, John & Claire, Tr	\$ 45,814.98
GRAND TOTAL SUPPLEMENTALS	\$153,785.90

ABATEMENTS

January 1, 2017 - December 31, 2017

2017 REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES

Adams, Chad	\$ 10.33
Ames, Shay	\$ 2,236.00
Ames, Shay	\$ 1,609.33
Andrus, David & Roberta	\$ 5,808.55
Annis, Herbert C & Grace	\$ 6,292.74
Annis, James & Linda	\$ 1,032.50
Ashmore, Mary J	\$ 1,287.68
Baeza, Greta	\$ 88.50
Bailey, John E	\$ 1,013.33
Bank of NY Mellon Trust C/0 The Loaf, LLC	\$ 1,447.85
Beaudoin, Raymond & Annie	\$ 16.22
Beaudoin, Raymond & Annie	\$ 88.50
Becker, Robert A & Kathleen A	\$ 2,424.90
Belanger, Judith, Pr Estate of Linwood Thorndike	\$ 1,043.88
Bennett, Justin L & Allison P	\$ 224.99
Bonanno, Joseph G, Bonanno, Mary A & O'Connor, Marie J	\$ 22.13
Bornstein, Miriam B	\$ 8,923.75
Boyson, Arthur & Alice	\$ 57.53
Boyson, Arthur & Alice	\$ 23.60
Boyson, Arthur R. & Alice A.	\$ 57.54
Brayne-Nicholls, Mary Miles	\$ 5,047.45
Burt, Albert H & Merideth	\$ 78.18
Camden Printing	\$ 306.81
Christensen, Clifford & Dawn	\$ 570.83
Counce, Nancy J., Pr	\$ 697.68
Crompton, Pierce K., Jr & Judith M	\$ 6,813.03
Cutter, Ronald A & Lori	\$ 10.33
Dechaine, Claude D., Claudia & Gladys	\$ 125.38
Dechaine, Claude D., Claudia & Gladys	\$ 78.18
Disher, Anne C & John R.W.	\$ 57.53

Driscoll, Robert & Priscilla	\$ 88.50
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Dyer, Kathleen & Darrin	\$ 44.25
Edgecomb, Jacqueline K & Ronald L	\$ 10.33
Fitzpatrick, H. Elizabeth	\$ 13.28
Foster, Christa, Trustee Foster Trust	\$ 10.33
Fox, David A.F.	\$ 13.28
Freeman, Charles G & Thelma D	\$ 10.33
Furman, Leroy F & Carolyn E	\$ 98.82
Gildred, Frederick K & Rebecca E	\$ 4,222.93
Glass, Evangeline	\$ 3,416.10
Grenert, Gregg T & Holly J	\$ 3,842.38
Griffin, Peter & Charlene	\$ 88.50
Grussing, Robert III & Claire M	\$ 57.53
Harmon, Maurice J	\$ 5,667.22
Henderson, Charles F., Trustee Henderson Family Gst Exempt Trust Henderson Survivors Trust	\$ 45,814.98
Hersom, Karen A, Laverriere, Roland A. & Laurette D	\$ 44.25
Hicks, Ronald & Muriel	\$ 44.25
Higgins, Doug & Anita	\$ 69.33
Hoffman, Michael & Mary	\$ 32.45
Hutchins, Jean & Rittmaster, Roger S	\$ 777.33
Jackson, Bargar G	\$ 6,376.42
Johnson, Neil A. & Mary A	\$ 88.50
Johnson, Ronald A	\$ 668.18
Lamarche, Ronald A & Yvette D	\$ 10.33
Koenig, Edward & Joanne	\$ 1,057.76
Maccoole, Jeffrey & Melissa	\$ 5,787.90
Masters, William O & Marcia A	\$ 56.05
Matthews, Rene L	\$ 1,541.38
Mccready, Gary & Candice	\$ 10.33
Mcdonnell, Dirk	\$ 1,711.00
Mclanghlin, Nathaniel D	\$ 10.33
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Mitchell, Sandra E & Elliot B	\$ 5,460.45
Morse, Kenneth, Sandra & Kristopher	\$ 10.33
Murphy, Darcy & Barb M	\$ 10.33
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Murray, Lynwood C & Anna M	\$ 22.13
Napolitano, Denise	\$ 19.18
Nortrax Inc	\$ 7,340.06
O'Connor, Barbara L	\$ 10.33
Patterson, Lawrence C	\$ 11.80
Peterson Family Trust	\$ 22.13
Podlovits, Edward F	\$ 32.45
Rifkin, Allan G & Ann	\$ 13.28
Robinson, Scott	\$ 233.76

Roy, Carol A & Stephen A	\$ 56.05
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Rugnetta, Ferdinand J & Deiana & Deborah A	\$ 10.33
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Schecter, Daniel, DMD	\$ 690.30
Skowronski, Ted	\$ 243.38
Snider, Thomas W & Joan K.	\$ 1,870.30
Sosland, Daniel Elwin, Elizabeth	\$ 8,814.60
Southern Venture LLC	\$ 1,721.33
St Hilaire, Albert J & Nancy J	\$ 10.33
Stanley, Gordon K	\$ 2,469.15
Sterbach, Charles R. & Helen H., Trustees	
Sterback Family Trust	\$ 238.95
TD Bank Insurance	\$ 902.90
TD Bank Insurance	\$ 882.34
Three Corners LLC	\$ 3,637.35
Tiberio, Patricia Scatolini, William	\$ 69.33
Town of Rockport	\$ 247.67
Tripp, Robert & Laura	\$ 10.33
Tsitsera, Constantine & Lista Engel & Davis, LLP	\$ 57.53
Vaino, Peter & Katherine	\$ 44.25
Vose, Kristopher S. & Holly A	\$ 3,227.30
Wagner, Martha A	\$ 54.58
Werner, Linda S	\$ 5,013.52
Whalen, Kathleen M.	\$ 1,784.75
Whittemore, Henry J & Shirley J	\$ 44.25
Zed, Leesha & Nadia	<u>\$ 88.50</u>
GRAND TOTAL ABATEMENTS	\$174,984.60

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UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAX LIENS
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017
***Paid as of December 31, 2017**

Applestein, Michelle	\$873.96	Lawson, Raymond J & RoxineF.	\$1,461.72
Arnold, Nancy M.....	\$36.44*	Lent, Kenneth C	\$688.12*
Barstow, Belinda & David.....	\$341.90*	Lynch, John F & Sandra	\$142.85*
Bickford, Paul A PR	\$625.64	Maxcy, Dale.....	\$631.54
Bloniasz, Joseph R.....	\$1,398.43	Moutsoulas, Valeri	\$88.76*
Dennison, Mary B.....	\$2665.78	Murphy, Rosemarie J	\$69.25
Dodge, Arthur & Sherry.....	\$2,133.51	Phillips, Lawrence Wayne	\$78.08
Evans, John F & Cynthia F	\$36.63*	Sanbento, Donald	\$1,132.45
Fales, Bruce.....	\$1,974.55	Scott, Vicki A.....	\$2,146.77
Floyd, Donna M & Harthan, John C	\$74.84	Small, Carl.....	\$1,463.20
Gordon, Gareth W & Dominique	\$5,089.96	Spear, Jason	\$2,288.07
Hatfield, Donald V	\$75.13*	Spear, Pamela C	\$3,702.62
Hatfield, Donald V & Margaret B	\$119.29	Start, Dana & Bobbie	\$712.49
Hersom, Karen A	\$92.80	Start, Dana & Bobbie	\$658.03
Hildings, John	\$369.52	Tosswill, Christopher.....	\$3,017.28
Ives, William M & Eleanor S ..	\$252.79*	Wade, Thomas R & Teresa J ..	\$2,763.51
JCS LLC.....	\$1,151.34	Wahl, Nancy A	\$123.71
Johnson, Ronald A	\$277.10	Watson, R. Wallace III.....	\$3,414.29*
Kelly, Patrick	\$3,589.29	Whittet, Daniel.....	\$2,599.24
Kelly, Valerie.....	\$752.23	Willey, Harold G & Judith P..	\$2,167.38
Knight, Charles E & Barbara E	\$5,103.35	Young, Nicole.....	\$3,116.78

2016
UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017
***Paid as of December 31, 2017**

Adams, Paul A., JR.....	\$43.83*	Blackwell, Gregory.....	\$485.05*
Adams, Paul A., JR.....	\$10.35*	Bloniasz, Joseph R.....	\$1,330.97*
Adams, Paul A., JR.....	\$35.06*	Bolan, Cindy L.....	\$827.01*
Ames, Clifton L & Amy E.....	\$3,608.67*	Borsos, Ferencne.....	\$1,973.81*
Ames, Robert S & Alyssa Kay.....	\$1630.48*	Boyce, Clyde A.....	\$35.06*
Anderson, Raymond & Sandra.....	\$21.91*	Brigish, Ronald P.....	\$61.36
Annis, Keryn P.....	\$2,230.72*	Broham, Properties LLC.....	\$6,277.92*
Annis, Patrick.....	\$1,076.02*	Brown, Brenda.....	\$3.28*
Applestein, Michelle.....	\$1,506.29	Brown, Maxwell & Bonnie.....	\$11.69*
Appleton, Ileana J.....	\$130.65*	Burnett Maine House LLC.....	\$2,276.24*
Arbour, Lesley A.....	\$258.65*	Butler, James P.....	\$490.90*
Archibald, Alan & Cynthia.....	\$20.45*	Cadbury, David & Karen.....	\$3,417.28*
Arnold, Nancy M.....	\$11.69	Call, Stephen.....	\$18.21
Arnoldy, Paul J.....	\$35.06*	Call, Stephen W & Dawn Lee.....	\$29.12
Aroneau, Richard.....	\$172.40*	Callaway, Michael D.....	\$977.80*
Aroneau, Richard.....	\$170.94*	Camber, Jeffrey W.....	\$11.69*
Arsenault, Muriel M & David.....	\$11.69*	Camber, Jeffrey W.....	\$27.76*
Atlantis Maritime LLC.....	\$3,800.79*	Camden-Rockport Motor Inn.....	\$81.08*
Atlantis Maritime LLC.....	\$508.43*	Camden-Rockport Motor Inn.....	23,155.39*
Austin, Mark C.....	\$11.69	Carle, Joshua.....	\$1,098.67*
Bachelor, Theresa.....	\$35.06*	Carle, Joshua P.....	\$1,214.09*
Baker, Janet E.....	\$17.53*	Carpenter, Lita P.....	\$1,079.68*
Barrieau, Kathleen A.....	\$16.07	Cayouette, Mark.....	\$4,291.68*
Barstow, Belinda & David.....	\$3,298.94*	Chase, Jon R.....	\$61.36*
Barton, Renee E.....	\$35.06*	Chatfield, Frederick H Jr.....	\$12,056.17*
Barton, Renee E & Paul T G.....	\$35.06*	Chedore, Nancy J.....	\$30.68*
Bates, Harrison & Constance.....	\$16.07*	Christiansen, Neil E.....	\$30.68
Bates, Harrison G & Connie G.....	\$11.69*	Churchill, Debra & Delano, Angelique.....	\$26.30*
Bay View Landing, LLC.....	\$982.52*	Cline, Michael & Sharon.....	\$13.15*
Bay View Landing, LLC.....	\$78.89*	Collins, Edward M – Trustee.....	\$1,561.81*
Bay View Landing, LLC.....	\$1108.17*	Contakos Property Holdings LLC.....	\$3,950.54*
Bay View Landing, LLC.....	\$570.52*	Cormier, Robert L.....	\$61.36*
Beaupre, Valerie J.....	\$847.38*	Costain, Danny & Lanci.....	\$35.06*
Bellegrade, Allison.....	\$16.07*	Crane, Stephen.....	\$13.15*
Benner, Richard.....	\$767.75	Curtis, Craig.....	\$197.24*
Benton, John H & Sandra L.....	\$11.69*	Curtis, Susan J.....	\$5,133.95*
Berg, Fred W & Ida R.....	\$1,368.95*	Czak, Elizabeth.....	\$4,167.57
Beukema, Sarah.....	\$3,098.57*	Dahl, Jessie.....	\$61.36*
Bickford, Paul A.....	\$563.95	Dean, Jeffrey N.....	\$1,006.00*
Bickford, Paul A PR.....	\$1,782.42*	Decoff, Dianne S.....	\$17.53*
Bicknell, Albert & Elizabeth.....	\$61.36*	Dehn, John R.....	\$151.66*
Bicknell, Albert & Elizabeth H.....	\$11.69*	Demmons, Hannah S.....	\$3,290.19*
Bird, Daniel J & Lisa A.....	\$20.45*	Dennison, Mary B.....	\$2,306.92
Black, Gregory J & Barclay, Dori A.....	\$16.05*	Devlin, Julie.....	\$32.87*
Black, Gregory J & Dustin W &.....	\$16.05*	Dion, Dennis R.....	\$241.06*

Dion, Dennis R & Diana D	\$2,152.05*	Higgins, Cathy A.....	\$17.53*
Dodge, Adam	\$172.40	Hildings, John	\$309.73
Dodge, Arthur & Sherry.....	\$2,054.17	Holmes, Mark & Courtney.....	\$11.69*
Dodge, Kenneth	\$1,694.76*	Hooke, Robert.....	\$1,899.30*
Doughty, Marlene L	\$16.07*	Hunter, Kathleen G	\$10.14
Dove, Melissa Ivis & Robert Charles	\$779.63*	Hurley, Patrick , Ostroff, Ernie	\$363.89*
Duplisea, Gary S & Laura B.....	\$21.86*	Hyde Heirs	\$926.27
Dupont, Gene & Francine	\$159.25*	Iltis, James & Susan	\$2,520.83*
Dupont, Gene A & Francine B.....	\$61.36*	Ives, William M & Eleanor S.....	\$3,116.31
Eastman, John WS	\$2,935.15*	Jacobson, Charles D & Jill A	\$11.69*
Eaton, Gregory P	\$1,316.23*	Jaluvka, Erika J L.....	\$61.36*
Eclectic Properties Trust	\$203.08*	Jamison, Peggy Glynn.....	\$158.74*
Evans, John F & Cynthia F	\$11.69*	Jamison, Peggy Glynn.....	\$158.74*
Fairfield, Marita L.....	\$7.56*	JBK Irrevocable Trust.....	\$2,372.66*
Fales, Bruce.....	\$2,191.50	JBC Corporation	\$2,264.55*
Faunce, Stephanie M.....	\$11.69*	JCS LLC	\$1,073.84
Fink, Sarah E.....	\$3,870.91	Johnson, Lisa Dawn Keirstead.....	\$20.45
Fiske, Stephen	\$2,575.47*	Johnson, Ronald A	\$661.83
Floyd, Donna M & Harthan, John C	\$35.06	Jones, Lowell A, JR	\$459.48*
Fogel, Alexa	\$3,179.13*	Jones, George & Rachel.....	\$4.50*
Fogg, Janet	\$2,005.73	Jones, Lowell A & Susan M	\$634.80*
Fogg, Patricia & Wilbur	\$747.92*	Jones, Rendall – Trustee	\$2,118.45*
Freedman, Barry M & Jane E.....	\$30.66*	Kelly, Patrick	\$3,426.05
Gardner, Tara	\$1,478.53*	Kelly, Valerie	\$689.59
Gartner, Princess	\$52.60*	Kerrigan, Kathleen Patricia	\$36.52*
Gartner, Princess	\$52.60*	King, Kristin J.....	\$1,145.42*
Gartner, Princess Elsa	\$17.53*	Knight, Charles E & Barbara E.....	\$4,935.26
Gendell, Michael W & Helene I.....	\$32.87*	Knight, Diana F.....	\$21.05*
Giannos, Roula.....	\$1,580.07*	Knowlton, Amanda L.....	\$11.69*
Gifford, Lisa.....	\$1,290.79*	Knox County Homeless Coalition.....	\$6,857.93
Gillette, Gary W & Helen S	\$11.69*	Knox County Homeless Coalition.....	\$755.34*
Gillette, Gary W	\$11.69*	Konevitch, K James & Brenda K.....	\$11.69*
Gillette, Gary W & Helen S	\$21.92*	Lacadie, James V	\$11.69*
Goldenthal, Sara Diane	\$467.52*	Lachance, Norman & Constance.....	\$13.15*
Goodhue, David	\$30.68	Lachance, Norman & Constance E	\$17.53*
Goodridge, Benjamin	\$558.83*	Lam, Sharon L	\$84.74*
Gordon, Fern Robin	\$4,337.71*	Lam, Sharon L & Eric W	\$61.36*
Gordon, Gareth W & Dominique M.....	\$5,044.83	Landoni, Jr., Robert & Debra.....	\$11.97*
Gorsuch-Metevier, Susan B	\$11.69*	Landry, Robert a Jr & Rachel W.....	\$1,870.08*
Graffam, Kimberlee S	\$2,218.41*	Lane, Hugh T & Ginger M.....	\$3,179.14*
Grambow, Bonnie Rae	\$1,242.51	Lawson, Raymond & Roxine	\$1,320.74
Grenert, Scott M.....	\$17.53*	Lent, Kenneth C	\$2,505.61
Griffin, Jonathan M.....	\$52.60*	Lindahl, Richard C & Jane S	\$15.34*
Haas, Robert & Barbara	\$8.05	Little, John D & Mildred F	\$648.34*
Haas, Robert & Barbara	\$8.05	Littlefield, Wesley & Kaitlynn	\$43.75*
Hallett, Melanie.....	\$1,063.61*	LMJ Irrevocable Trust Dated 11/6/2015.....	\$4,410.55*
Harlow, Richard	\$29.22	Lockwood, Ralph H	\$11.69*
Harper, Gertrude Deg.....	\$7,494.93*	Lorraine, Marc	\$199.94*
Hatfield, Donald V.....	\$17.53*	Lorraine, Marc H & Claire M	\$460.09*
Hatfield, Donald V & Margaret B.....	\$61.36*	Lovell, Robert A & Andrea S.....	\$997.86*
Haugen, Peter K & Loretta S.....	\$26.30*	Lovell, Robert A & Andrea S.....	\$4,954.25*
Haynes, Heidi R	\$2,195.15*	Lynch, John F & Sandra	\$84.74*
Hersom, Karen A	\$35.06	MacClennan, Phillip & Lori.....	\$1,165.88*
Herzig, Keith S & Shari A	\$5.84	Macomber, III, Harold & Rita.....	\$423.83*

MacWilliams, David.....	\$1,381.37*	Rocknak Yacht Sales Inc.....	\$3,089.28*
Magee, David E & Sally D.....	\$30.68*	Rockport Homes Inc.....	\$1,416.49*
Maher, Sharon & Karen.....	\$17.53*	Rockport Property.....	\$799.90*
Marchildon, Doris B & Robert T.....	\$16.07*	Rockport Property.....	\$658.18*
Markwith, Jason C.....	\$1,515.05*	Rockport Property.....	\$1,059.22*
Masters, Karen L.....	\$11.69*	Rockport Property.....	\$798.43*
Maxcy, Dale.....	\$569.79	Ragals, Gail A.....	\$20.45*
McBeth, Marianne.....	\$43.83*	Rohan, Patrick J.....	\$61.36*
McCready, Gary & Candice.....	\$35.06	Roy, Kristen Jean.....	\$5,318.04*
McDonald, Chris D & Nancy M.....	\$11.69*	Rozek, Alexander.....	\$7,068.63*
Merino, Paul A.....	\$1.36*	Ruger, Heidi T.....	\$1,956.28*
Merritt, Christopher M.....	\$5,338.01*	Sailer, Christopher Jr.....	\$2,765.11*
Messer, Martin J & Meredith H.....	\$2,543.77*	Samoset Resort Time-Share Estates.....	\$11.54*
Metivier, Robert D.....	\$17.53*	Sanbento, Donald.....	\$1,230.16
Metivier, Susan & Robert D.....	\$17.53*	Sawyer, Merton R & Kimberly S.....	\$11.69*
Miller, Jennifer.....	\$17.53*	Schedler, Heidi Gail.....	\$15.89*
Milne, Sarah.....	\$1,005.17*	Schmidt, Bonnie.....	\$1,924.14
Mitchell, Jill.....	\$2,440.49*	Scott, Vicki A.....	\$1,994.27
Morlet, Andrew & Brenda.....	\$8,066.18*	Shaefer, Wade & Rowena.....	\$11.02*
Morrill, Allison C.....	\$32.87*	Shepard, Kevin.....	\$26.30*
Morrill, Allison C.....	\$17.53*	Shook, Cyndia.....	\$0.44*
Morse, Neil & Trudy.....	\$8.76*	Simmons, Barbara.....	\$2,152.05
Munroe, James & Brenda.....	\$11,420.64*	Simon, Eric E.....	\$509.89*
Murphy, Rosemarie J.....	\$11.69*	Singer, Elizabeth Ann.....	\$21.92*
Nelson, Edwin D.....	\$4,359.62*	Slover, Kevin Paul.....	\$11.69
O'Brien, Ruth H.....	\$65.75*	Small, Carl.....	\$1,387.95
Oland, Lesley A.....	\$7.17*	Smith, Marianne.....	\$1,588.84*
Pace, John & Joyce.....	\$84.74*	Smith, Randolph & Barbara.....	\$27.61*
Pace, John Ray.....	\$62.82*	Smith, Stuart G.....	\$1,359.46*
Parker, Geoffrey.....	\$5,919.01*	Smith, Stuart G.....	\$870.75*
Patterson Mobile Home Park, LLC.....	\$2,294.42*	Smith, Stuart G.....	\$6,209.25*
Pedersen, Alan K.....	\$3,887.72*	Smith, Stuart G.....	\$851.68*
Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$1,082.60*	Soucy, Trena M.....	\$43.83*
Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$1,051.92*	Southern Venture LLC.....	\$2,210.49*
Penobscot Bay Ice Co Inc.....	\$1,108.90*	Southern Venture LLC.....	\$1,668.46*
Penobscot Bay Medical Center.....	\$54,426.82*	Southern Venture LLC.....	\$852.49*
Perry Properties LLC.....	\$6,111.95*	Southern Venture LLC.....	\$1,643.63*
Peterson, Jr., Everett & Diane.....	\$17.53*	Souza, Philip J & Susan P.....	\$43.56*
Phillips, Lawrence Wayne.....	\$20.45	Spear, Jason.....	\$2,134.52
Phillips, Patricia B.....	\$61.36*	Spear, Michael P & Kim A.....	\$987.63*
Pinard, Benjamin.....	\$16.07*	Spear, Michael P & Kim A.....	\$145.37*
Plaisted, Glenna W Trustee.....	\$462.40*	Spear, Pamela C.....	\$3,538.54
Plaisted, Glenna W Trustee.....	\$289.28*	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....	\$650.15
Poor, Carol.....	\$17.53*	Start, Dana & Bobbie.....	\$596.09
Pound, Darrell E.....	\$1,134.46*	Stauber, Raymond H Jr.....	\$26.30*
Pound, Darrell E.....	\$530.34*	Stauber, Raymond H Jr.....	\$29.22*
Powell, David G.....	\$311.19*	Steuber, Jeffery C & Ann Marie.....	\$11.69*
Quirk, Patricia K, Trustee.....	\$17.53*	Stevenson, David A & Sonia A.....	\$12.32*
Ralston, Peter M.....	\$1,509.20*	Sullivan, Kevin M & Patricia G.....	\$36.53*
Remsen, Richard & Shirley.....	\$4,461.89*	Swartz, Thomas.....	\$289.27*
Remsen, Richard & Shirley.....	\$1,864.23*	Swartz, Thomas W & Pamela A.....	\$1,174.14*
Rice, James A C & Ivonne B.....	\$5,056.97*	T & T Holdings LLC.....	\$43.83*
Richard, Jeannine & McGinn.....	\$16.07*	Taylor, Donald J & Brenda I.....	\$43.83*
Richardson, Daren & Sharon.....	\$5,285.11*	Thibeault, Christopher.....	\$11.69*

Thomas, William R & Cynthia Lynn	\$1,955.55*
Timmer, Stacy A	\$1,387.95*
Tosswill, Christopher	\$2,924.92
Trank, Cedric J	\$653.07*
Trapani, Carl C & Sarah O	\$1,401.10*
Turner, Jennifer M	\$2,883.50*
Tyler, Ronald A & Corinne M	\$61.36
Varberakis, Marie & James	\$11.69
Vincent, Michael & Mary Lemoine	\$5.74*
Vokey, Sarah C, Trustee	\$4,955.71*
Vokey, Sarah C, Trustee	\$5,963.80*
Volpe, Anita	\$11.69*
Wade, Lawrence	\$600.00*
Wade, Thomas R & Teresa J	\$2,679.47
Wahl, Nancy A	\$65.75*
Walton, Robert J	\$17.53*
Ward, J. Michael & Kathleen K	\$21.92*
Watson, R Wallace III	\$6,016.40
Watt, James & Ann	\$17.53*
Watt, James & Ann	\$61.36
Watts, Diane L	\$8.67
Webber, Charlotte	\$130.00
Wesley, Maurice & Sylvia	\$30.68
West Rockport Associates, LLC	\$3,069.56
West Rockport Associates, LLC	\$3,098.78
West Street LLC	\$1,560.35
West Street LLC	\$2,812.43
West Street Victorian, LLC	\$3,995.84
Whittet, Daniel C	\$2,510.00
Wickenden, Sarah J	\$2,209.76
Wienges, Robert T	\$2,550.91
Wiley, Glenn A	\$1,054.84
Willey, Harold G & Judith P	\$2,014.72
Williams, Christine M	\$1,141.04
Wilson, Robert H & Constance C	\$2,192.13
Winchenbach Partners	\$2,669.25
Wood, Kenneth M	\$21.88
Yates, Peter M	\$7,071.24
Young, Nicole	\$3,030.11

**2016 UNPAID
PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES
AS OF JUNE 30, 2017
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Annis, Keryn.....	\$90.58*	Glen Cove TND LLC	\$430.27*
Beale, Edith C.....	\$1,488.76*	Hare, Charles L.....	\$68.67
Benner, Richard.....	\$111.04	Hospira Worldwide Inc	\$276.13
Berke, Peter	\$43.83*	Hutcheson, Anthony.....	\$16.80
Briggs & Wholey, LLC	\$552.99*	Jones, Michael A	\$547.15*
Cameron, Ben.....	\$6.58*	Knight, Charles.....	\$119.76
Carle, Joshua.....	\$178.24*	Pen Bay Physician Associates	\$20.46*
Carson, Charles.....	\$85.47	Rescare Inc	\$159.25
Castlerock Properties LTD	\$18.06*	Schecter, Daniel P DMD	\$309.73
Contakos, Jonas	\$433.92*	Schooner Bay Printing Inc.....	\$76.71*
Contakos, Stacey P DVM.....	\$679.37*	Simmons, Valerie A	\$4.39*
Currier, Meredith.....	\$16.80*	Skowronski, Ted.....	\$109.58*
Daggett, Keith.....	\$54.79*	Spear, Jason	\$225.73
First Data Merchant Services	\$21.19*	Thomas, William.....	\$10.96*
Gamage, Joshua.....	\$70.13	Tosswill, Christopher	\$2,411.38
Glasser, David	\$51.14	US Cellular.....	\$275.40*

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 and
Wednesday, June 14, 2017

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 13th day of June, 2017 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 14th day of June, 2017 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.

Robert G. Duke, Jr., was elected Moderator with four (4) votes.

Article 2. To elect:

a. Two Select Board and Overseers of the Poor for a term of three years.

Douglas S. Cole was elected with 435 votes.
Mark G. Kelley was elected with 562 votes.
William C. Chapman received 203 votes.
Anastasia Ileana Fischer received 406 votes.
Geoffrey C. Parker received 201 votes.
Theodore F. Skowronski received 55 votes.

b. One Select Board and Overseer of the Poor for a term of two years.

Thomas H. Gray was elected with 772 votes.

c. One Director of Maine School Administrative District #28 for a three-year term and to also serve concurrently on the Five Town CSD School Board.

Sarah Bradley-Prindiville was elected with 811 votes.

d. One Member of the Library Committee for a term of three years.

Heaven L.N. Bartlett was elected with 764 votes.

e. One Member of the Library Committee for a term of one year.

Cheryl A. Liechty was elected with 467 votes.
Brooke E. Kehoe received 338 votes.

f. Three Members of the Budget Committee for a term of three years.

Heaven L.N. Bartlett was elected with 582 votes.
Stephanie Kumble was elected with 655 votes.
Thomas M. Murphy was elected with 601 votes.

Article 3. Shall an amendment to the Section 913 zoning district in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to change Hotels/Inns to a permitted use in the Downtown “core” area identified in subsection 913.3, subject to a cap of 40 sleeping rooms total, in the aggregate, to be permitted on a first-come, first-served basis?

YES 729 NO 308

Article 4. Shall amendments to Section 300 in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to add definitions for Heavy Landscaping, Landscaping, Storage and Mini-Storage?

YES 810 NO 219

Article 5. Shall an amendment to the Zoning Map be enacted to expand the Section 906 Mixed Business Residential zoning district on the following parcels located in West Rockport and currently designated as Section 902 Village zoning district, primarily to (identified by Map/Lot numbers as 17/19, 17/23, 17/25, 17/107, 17/107-1, 17/113, 18/73, 18/73-1, 18/73-2, 18/73-3, 18/73-4), as well as add two small areas (identified by Map/Lot numbers as part of 17/26 and part of 17/27) to the adjacent Section 904 Residential and 908 Rural zoning districts?

YES 776 NO 223

Article 6. Shall an amendment to the Section 1003 Architectural Review standards in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to clarify several provisions regulating non-residential development?

YES 845 NO 158

Article 7. Shall an amendment to the Section 900 Zoning Districts in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to standardize numbering and formatting throughout this chapter?

YES 875 NO 124

Article 8. Shall amendments to the Section 917 Permitted Use Table in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to change the applicable zoning districts where the following uses are Permitted, whether by Special Exception or as-of-right: Affordable Housing; Art Galleries; Barber Shop/Salon; Boat Storage Commercial; Boat Storage/Shipyard & Sales; Outdoor Recreation; and Restaurants?

YES 782 NO 172

Article 9. Shall an amendment to the Section 918 Dimensional Tables in the Land Use Ordinance be enacted to correct certain minimum street frontage requirements applicable to the Section 907 Rockport Mixed Business/Residential zoning district?

YES 796 NO 148

Article 10. Shall the Town accept the dedication in fee simple of all of Bayberry Lane (considered part of Ashley Terrace on the Bay Ridge subdivision plan first approved by the Planning Board on December 10, 2003) and part of Hawthorne Drive comprising approximately 1,600 feet of private right-of-ways located off of Old County Road, as shown on the subdivision plan recorded in the Knox County Registry of Deeds at Book 16, Page 179, as amended, and to accept and establish such ways as municipal roads to be Town-owned and maintained?

Explanation: The Town Manager’s Office is holding a check from Richard Nightingale, developer of the Bay Ridge IV Subdivision, in the amount of \$6,100.00 (Six Thousand One Hundred Dollars) to cover the costs of final repairs and improvements to the roadways in question, to be completed as soon as possible. This cost estimate was provided in a memo dated April 4, 2017 by Public Works Director Michael Young. If approved, this work must be completed to the satisfaction of the Public Works Director.

YES 412 NO 510

Article 11. Shall an Ordinance entitled, “Emergency Management Ordinance,” be enacted?

YES 811 NO 129

Article 12. Do you support allowing retail marijuana establishments and retail marijuana social clubs to operate in the Town of Rockport and the development of amendments to the Land Use Ordinance to regulate the location and operation of those uses?

Explanation: This article is a non-binding advisory question.

YES 321 **NO 668**

Article 13. 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 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	General Government	\$1,056,968
B.	Public Assistance	\$12,880
C.	Public Safety	\$223,188
D.	Public Works	\$107,310
E.	Culture and Recreation	\$120,227
F.	All Other – Cemeteries	\$16,050
G.	Unassigned Fund Balance	\$110,000
H.	Special Assessments	\$125,023
	Total	\$1,771,646

Article 13 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for General Government for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Administration	\$36,430
B.	Town Manager	\$278,260
C.	Town Clerk	\$230,546
D.	Planning & Community Development.....	\$268,410
E.	Finance	\$134,710
F.	Assessing.....	\$188,848
G.	Town Office Building	\$83,089
H.	Insurance	\$65,798
	Total	\$1,286,091

Article 14 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Assistance for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. General Assistance.....	\$27,335
Total	\$27,335

Article 15 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Safety for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. Police Department.....	\$607,330
B. Fire Department	\$384,271
C. West Rockport Fire Station.....	\$5,749
D. Other Public Safety Services.....	\$257,216
E. Animal Control	\$5,349
F. Harbormaster.....	\$192,162
G. Public Safety Building	\$32,156
H. Emergency Management.....	\$3,010
Total	\$1,487,243

Article 16 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Public Works for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A. Public Works.....	\$1,725,506
B. Sanitation	\$176,879
Total	\$1,902,385

Kenneth McKinley moved to amend Article 17 by reducing line A. Public Works by \$80,000, yielding a total appropriation of \$1,645,506 for Public Works, and a total for the article of \$1,822,385. Owen Casas seconded the motion. The amendment passed.

Article 17 was moved, seconded and passed as amended.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Culture and Recreation for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Library.....	\$479,806
B.	Conservation Commission.....	\$8,410
C.	Parks and Recreation.....	\$76,237
D.	Opera House.....	\$142,862
E.	Library Building (1 Limerock).....	\$2,830
	Total	\$710,145

Karl Kehler moved to amend Article 18 by reducing \$50,000 out of the Library to make the total appropriation \$660,145. Stephanie Lash seconded the motion. After discussion the motion was withdrawn.

A new motion was made and seconded to amend Article 18 by reducing \$35,000 out of A. Library making it \$444,806 and the total appropriation \$675,145. The amendment failed.

Article 18 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Long Term Debt (Debt Payments) for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Debt.....	\$152,875
	Total	\$152,875

Article 19 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for County Fees for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	County Service E-911	\$60,514
B.	County Service Dispatch.....	\$29,816
	Total	\$90,330

Article 20 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following for Cemeteries, Provider Agencies, RES East and Special Assessments for the 2017/2018 fiscal year:

A.	Cemeteries.....	\$56,075
B.	Provider Agencies.....	\$9,556
C.	RES East.....	\$6,132
D.	Special Assessments.....	\$6,800
	Total.....	\$78,563

Article 21 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 22. 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 2017/2018 budget to be taken from fund balance?

Article 22 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of tax abatements and applicable interest from the property tax overlay account?

Article 23 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 24. Shall the Town vote to confirm and ratify the following reserve accounts in the amounts as shown below, all being amounts that have been maintained in the associated accounts from prior town meeting appropriations, proceeds from vehicle sales or the sale of goods, or from the unassigned fund balance, and authorize the Select Board to make expenditures from those accounts in accordance with the Rockport Reserves Account Policy dated February 27, 2017?

1. Police Vehicle and Equipment Reserve - \$19,483.73
2. Police Department Career Development Reserve - \$82,864.72
3. Federal Forfeiture Reserve - \$7,764.67
4. Fire Apparatus Reserve - \$330,632.52
5. Public Works Equipment Reserve - \$20,347.76
6. Video Equipment Reserve - \$383.95
7. Opera House Building Reserve- \$48,531.90
8. Harbormaster’s Boat Reserve - \$8,040.06
9. Harbormaster’s Boat Engine Reserve- \$4,800.52
10. Marine Park Infrastructure Reserve- \$0.00
11. Lime Kiln and Cramer Locomotive Reserve- \$0.00
12. Recreation Facilities Reserve- \$49,843.24
13. Pathways Reserve - \$21,233.91
14. Cemetery Reserve - \$0.00
15. Employees Accrued Benefits Reserve - \$11,651.54
16. Computer Reserve - \$5,079.09
17. Accounting Software and Hardware Reserve - \$0.00

18. Solar Power Reserve - \$0.00

Explanatory Note: The reserve accounts listed in this article are already in place and are funded in the amounts shown. The Town’s auditors have recommended that the status of these reserve accounts be confirmed by Town Meeting vote to ensure they are properly authorized non-lapsing accounts and that the Select Board is authorized to expend funds from these accounts in accordance with the Rockport Reserves Accounts Policy.

Article 24 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to increase the property tax levy limit of \$3,685,351 established by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the previous warrant articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than the current property tax levy limit. (By State law, the vote on this article must be by written ballot.)

Article 25 was moved, seconded and passed.

YES 36 NO 19

Article 26. To see if the Town of Rockport will vote to authorize and direct its Select Board or its duly authorized designee of the Town to:

- A. Exercise the “Put Option” described in the Sixth Amended and Restated Agreement of the Limited Partnership of Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC), a Limited Partnership; and
- B. To execute and deliver on behalf of the Town such documents, and to take such further actions as the Select Board or said designee may deem necessary or appropriate in order to exercise the above-described “Put Option” and to assign the Town’s limited partnership interest to the Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) Limited Partnership as contemplated thereby.

Article 26 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the monies received for its equity interest in Penobscot Energy Recovery Company (PERC) to the Mid-Coast Solid Waste Corporation Landfill Closure Account.

Article 27 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 28. 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.

Article 28 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 29. 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.

Article 29 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to set October 16, 2017 and April 17, 2018 as the tax installment due dates.

Article 30 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to set October 17, 2017 and April 18, 2018 as the tax delinquency dates and to fix the rate of interest on delinquent taxes at 7.00% interest per year.

Article 31 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to fix the rate of interest on delinquent wastewater charges at 7.00% interest per year.

Article 32 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 33. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board and Treasurer, on behalf of the Town, to accept gifts, real estate, and certain funds, including trust funds, that may be given or left to the Town.

Article 33 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept those conservation easements which the Select Board deem appropriate in the name of the Town of Rockport, provided however, said conservation easements are first considered by the Rockport Conservation Commission and Planning Board.

Article 34 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 35. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer to waive the foreclosure of tax lien mortgages pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. sec. 944 upon a finding by the Select Board that ownership of the property subject to the lien would be contrary to the Town's best interest.

Article 35 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 36. To see if the Town will authorize the Select Board to enter into boundary line agreements with abutting property owners to establish the boundary line of any property of the Town, including the boundary lines of the rights-of-way of roads.

Article 36 was moved, seconded and passed.

Article 37. 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.

Article 37 was moved, seconded and passed.

Date: May 8, 2017

s/William Chapman, Chair
na/Kenneth McKinley, Vice-Chair
s/Geoffrey Parker
s/Owen Casas
ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

s/Linda Greenlaw, Town Clerk

OFFICER'S RETURN

State of Maine

County of Knox, ss

I, Travis Ford, Constable of the Town of Rockport, hereby certify that I posted the Warrant and Specimen Ballot for the Town Meeting to be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 by posting Warrant for said meeting at each of the following locations in the Town:

West Rockport Post Office
Rockport Post Office
Rockport Public Library
Rockport Town Office.

Being public and conspicuous locations in the Town of Rockport and which is at least seven days prior to the meeting, and that each Warrant so posted bore the original signature of a majority of the Select Board of the Town of Rockport and that I am a Constable of the Town of Rockport, Maine.

Dated ___ May 24, 2017 ___ s/ Travis Ford
Constable
Town of Rockport, Maine

On Tuesday, June 13, 2017 there were 1,078, which included 88 absentee voters. This represents 37.34% of the registered voters. Polls were open 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. On Wednesday, June 14th, the Town Meeting was reopened at 7:00 p.m. by Moderator Robert G. Duke, Jr. There were 59 registered voters in attendance. In addition, the Select Board, Town Manager, Finance Director, Public Works Director, Library Director, Harbor Master, Director of Community Development & Planning, Fire Chief, several employees, member of the press, and two camera persons were present. The total count was 72. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2017

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 7th day of November, 2017 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.

Marieta Wheaton was elected moderator with four votes.

Article 2. Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment reprinted below?

Article II, Section 7 of the Town of Rockport Charter, which enumerates the powers of the Select Board, is amended by inserting the underscored language in a new subsection I related to managing reserve accounts, as shown below:

Section 7 Powers and Duties

- I. Manage all reserve accounts established by town meeting vote, supplement those accounts with non-budgeted revenue, including but not limited to income from the sale of Town property and donations, and make expenditures from those accounts in order to accomplish the purposes for which the accounts, were established, all in accordance with the Rockport Reserve Account Policy, as amended.

YES 898

NO 204

Article 3. Shall the Town approve the Charter amendment reprinted below?

Article VI, Section 12 of the Town of Rockport Charter, which requires an annual audit, is amended by deleting the language in strikeover type and inserting the underscored related to the Select Board's appointment authority, as shown below:

Section 12 Annual Audit

TOWN OF ROCKPORT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
Tuesday, June 12, 2018 and
Wednesday, June 13, 2018

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 RECOMMEND

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 RECOMMEND

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 RECOMMEND

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 RECOMMEND

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 RECOMMEND

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

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

Date: May 14, 2018

Kenneth McKinley, Chair

Owen Casas, Vice-Chair

Douglas Cole

Mark Kelley

ROCKPORT SELECT BOARD

Attest:

Linda M. Greenlaw, Town Clerk



Proven Expertise and Integrity

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, 2017, 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

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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, 2017, 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 information on pages 4 through 12 and 60 through 63 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 March 8, 2018, 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
March 8, 2018

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2017**

(UNAUDITED)

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, 2017. 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, Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, a Schedule of Contributions and Notes to Required Supplementary Information.

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 decreased by \$44,632 from \$12.16 million to \$12.12 million. The Town's total net position for business-type activities decreased by \$558,638 from \$5.17 million to \$4.61 million.

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 - decreased for governmental activities to a balance of \$4,091,980 at the end of this year. Unrestricted net position for business-type activities decreased to a balance of \$88,610.

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

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016 (Restated)</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016 (Restated)</u>
Assets				
Current Assets	\$ 7,499,964	\$ 7,681,717	\$ 134,145	\$ 769,434
Capital Assets	<u>7,452,889</u>	<u>7,737,516</u>	<u>5,125,371</u>	<u>5,139,849</u>
Total Assets	<u>14,952,853</u>	<u>15,419,233</u>	<u>5,259,516</u>	<u>5,909,283</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources				
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	<u>182,128</u>	<u>95,916</u>	-	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>182,128</u>	<u>95,916</u>	-	-
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities	677,613	995,395	106,701	136,664
Long-term Debt Outstanding	<u>2,235,997</u>	<u>2,261,254</u>	<u>540,037</u>	<u>601,203</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,913,610</u>	<u>3,256,649</u>	<u>646,738</u>	<u>737,867</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Prepaid Taxes	44,530	22,528	-	-
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	<u>60,658</u>	<u>75,157</u>	-	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>105,188</u>	<u>97,685</u>	-	-
Net Position				
Net Investment in Capital Assets	5,239,266	5,456,703	4,524,168	4,477,597
Restricted	2,784,937	2,460,140	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>4,091,980</u>	<u>4,243,972</u>	<u>88,610</u>	<u>693,819</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 12,116,183</u>	<u>\$ 12,160,815</u>	<u>\$ 4,612,778</u>	<u>\$ 5,171,416</u>

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

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenues				
<i>Program revenues:</i>				
Charges for services	\$ 367,273	\$ 266,137	\$ 785,124	\$ 789,196
Operating grants and contributions	6,489	-	-	-
<i>General revenues:</i>				
Taxes	14,527,619	14,369,961	-	-
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	407,683	370,939	-	-
Miscellaneous	510,624	426,741	80,642	10,506
Transfers from other funds	1,724,069	-	71,691	123,583
Total Revenues	17,543,757	15,433,778	937,457	923,285
Expenses				
General government	1,218,768	1,159,381	-	-
Public safety	1,335,967	1,267,101	-	-
Public works	1,613,516	1,561,723	-	-
Human services	16,786	34,202	-	-
Culture and recreation	500,402	758,248	-	-
Education	8,895,585	9,204,633	-	-
Interest on long-term debt	43,046	4,540	-	-
County fees	1,082,307	938,955	-	-
Capital outlay	943,964	-	-	-
Sewer department	-	-	1,031,391	969,126
Program expenses	286,107	10,210	-	-
Unclassified	320,885	61,641	-	-
Transfers to other funds	1,331,056	123,583	464,704	-
Total Expenses	17,588,389	15,124,217	1,496,095	969,126
Change in Net Position	(44,632)	309,561	(558,638)	(45,841)
Net Position - July 1, Restated	12,160,815	11,851,254	5,171,416	5,217,257
Net Position - June 30	\$ 12,116,183	\$ 12,160,815	\$ 4,612,778	\$ 5,171,416

Revenues and Expenses

Revenues for the Town's governmental activities increased by 13.67%, while total expenses increased by 16.29%. For the business-type activities revenues increased by 1.53%, while total expenses increased by 54.38% mainly due to a large transfer to the general fund.

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,

	2017	2016 (Restated)
General Fund:		
Nonspendable	\$ 3,000	\$ 122,641
Assigned	355,653	403,762
Unassigned	2,637,001	2,116,238
Total General Fund	\$ 2,995,654	\$ 2,642,641
Rockport Library:		
Nonspendable	\$ 305,969	\$ 305,969
Restricted	501,968	372,201
	\$ 807,937	\$ 678,170
Nonmajor Funds:		
Special Revenue Funds:		
Restricted	\$ 867,462	\$ 755,398
Assigned	9,322	-
Capital Projects Funds:		
Committed	1,270,857	1,649,479
Permanent Funds:		
Nonspendable	42,293	42,293
Restricted	1,067,245	984,279
Unassigned	(917)	(1,349)
Total Nonmajor Funds	\$ 3,256,262	\$ 3,430,100

The general fund total fund balance increased by \$353,013 from the prior fiscal year. The Rockport Library Fund total fund balance increased by \$129,767 from the prior fiscal year. The nonmajor fund total fund balances decreased by \$173,838 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 (\$558,638) for the year ended June 30, 2017.

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 \$166,689. This was mainly the result of excess receipts in all categories except other intergovernmental revenues, charges for services and transfers from other funds.

The general fund actual expenditures were under budget by \$367,698. All expenditure categories were within or under budget.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

As of June 30, 2017, the net book value of capital assets recorded by the Town decreased by \$299,105 from the prior year. The decrease is the result of current year additions of \$343,642 less current year depreciation expense of \$642,747.

**Table 4
Town of Rockport, Maine
Capital Assets (Net of Depreciation)
June 30,**

	2017	2016
Land and non-depreciable assets	\$ 3,447,466	\$ 3,233,728
Buildings, building improvements and land improvements	1,873,726	1,936,427
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	1,251,246	1,287,515
Infrastructure	6,005,822	6,419,695
Total	\$ 12,578,260	\$ 12,877,365

Debt

At June 30, 2017, the Town had \$2,316,695 in bonds outstanding versus \$2,427,165 last year. Other obligations include capital leases payable, accrued compensated absences 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.

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,544,297	\$ 457,104	\$ 5,001,401
Investments	1,631,051	138,893	1,769,944
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):			
Taxes	549,470	-	549,470
Liens	57,146	-	57,146
Other	4,982	217,251	222,233
Due from other governments	30,915	-	30,915
Prepaid items	3,000	-	3,000
Internal balances	679,103	(679,103)	-
Total current assets	<u>7,499,964</u>	<u>134,145</u>	<u>7,634,109</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Land and other assets not being depreciated	3,031,534	415,932	3,447,466
Buildings and vehicles net of accumulated depreciation	4,421,355	4,709,439	9,130,794
Total noncurrent assets	<u>7,452,889</u>	<u>5,125,371</u>	<u>12,578,260</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>14,952,853</u>	<u>5,259,516</u>	<u>20,212,369</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	182,128	-	182,128
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>182,128</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>182,128</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$ 15,134,981</u>	<u>\$ 5,259,516</u>	<u>\$ 20,394,497</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 116,338	\$ 44,479	\$ 160,817
Accrued liabilities	38,358	1,056	39,414
Due to other governments	460	-	460
Current portion of long-term obligations	522,457	61,166	583,623
Total current liabilities	<u>677,613</u>	<u>106,701</u>	<u>784,314</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:			
Bonds payable	1,645,493	540,037	2,185,530
Capital leases payable	313,574	-	313,574
Net pension liability	276,930	-	276,930
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>2,235,997</u>	<u>540,037</u>	<u>2,776,034</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,913,610</u>	<u>646,738</u>	<u>3,560,348</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Prepaid taxes	44,530	-	44,530
Deferred inflows related to pensions	60,658	-	60,658
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>105,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>105,188</u>
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	5,239,266	4,524,168	9,763,434
Restricted - nonexpendable	348,262	-	348,262
Restricted for: Rockport Library	501,968	-	501,968
Special revenue funds	867,462	-	867,462
Permanent funds	1,067,245	-	1,067,245
Unrestricted	4,091,980	88,610	4,180,590
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>12,116,183</u>	<u>4,612,778</u>	<u>16,728,961</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 15,134,981</u>	<u>\$ 5,259,516</u>	<u>\$ 20,394,497</u>

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Position			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 1,218,768	\$ 151,845	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,066,923)	\$ -	\$ (1,066,923)
Public safety	1,335,967	6,860	-	-	(1,329,107)	-	(1,329,107)
Public works	1,613,516	165,574	-	-	(1,447,942)	-	(1,447,942)
Human services	16,786	-	6,489	-	(10,297)	-	(10,297)
Culture and recreation	500,402	35,702	-	-	(464,700)	-	(464,700)
Education	8,895,585	-	-	-	(8,895,585)	-	(8,895,585)
County fees	1,082,307	-	-	-	(1,082,307)	-	(1,082,307)
Capital outlay	943,964	-	-	-	(943,964)	-	(943,964)
Interest on long-term debt	43,046	-	-	-	(43,046)	-	(43,046)
Program expenses	286,107	-	-	-	(286,107)	-	(286,107)
Unclassified	320,885	7,292	-	-	(313,593)	-	(313,593)
Total governmental activities	16,257,333	367,273	6,489	-	(15,883,571)	-	(15,883,571)
Business-type activities:							
Sewer department	1,031,391	785,124	-	-	-	(246,267)	(246,267)
Total business-type activities	1,031,391	785,124	-	-	-	(246,267)	(246,267)
Total government	\$ 17,288,724	\$ 1,152,397	\$ 6,489	\$ -	(15,883,571)	(246,267)	(16,129,838)

STATEMENT B (CONTINUED)

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities	Business- type Activities	Total
Changes in net position:			
Net (expense) revenue	(15,883,571)	(246,267)	(16,129,838)
General revenues:			
Taxes:			
Property taxes, levied for general purposes	13,681,302	-	13,681,302
Excise taxes	846,317	-	846,317
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs	407,683	-	407,683
Miscellaneous	510,624	80,642	591,266
Transfers	393,013	(393,013)	-
Total general revenues and transfers	15,838,939	(312,371)	15,526,568
Change in net position	(44,632)	(558,638)	(603,270)
NET POSITION - JULY 1, RESTATED	12,160,815	5,171,416	17,332,231
NET POSITION - JUNE 30	\$ 12,116,183	\$ 4,612,778	\$ 16,728,961

STATEMENT C

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Rockport Library	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,668,751	\$ 20,599	\$ 854,947	\$ 4,544,297
Investments	-	787,338	843,713	1,631,051
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles):				
Taxes	549,470	-	-	549,470
Liens	57,146	-	-	57,146
Other	4,982	-	-	4,982
Due from other governments	30,915	-	-	30,915
Prepaid items	3,000	-	-	3,000
Due from other funds	701,348	-	1,579,847	2,281,195
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,015,612	\$ 807,937	\$ 3,278,507	\$ 9,102,056
LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$ 116,338	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 116,338
Accrued liabilities	38,358	-	-	38,358
Due to other governments	460	-	-	460
Due to other funds	1,579,847	-	22,245	1,602,092
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,735,003	-	22,245	1,757,248
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Prepaid taxes	44,530	-	-	44,530
Deferred tax revenues	238,925	-	-	238,925
Deferred other revenues	1,500	-	-	1,500
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	284,955	-	-	284,955
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	3,000	305,969	42,293	351,262
Restricted	-	501,968	1,934,707	2,436,675
Committed	-	-	1,270,857	1,270,857
Assigned	355,653	-	9,322	364,975
Unassigned	2,637,001	-	(917)	2,636,084
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	2,995,654	807,937	3,256,262	7,059,853
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,015,612	\$ 807,937	\$ 3,278,507	\$ 9,102,056

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2017

	Total Governmental Funds
	Funds
Total Fund Balances	\$ 7,059,853
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	7,452,889
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	182,128
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	238,925
Other deferred revenues	1,500
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds payable	(1,715,492)
Capital leases payable	(498,131)
Accrued compensated absences	(267,901)
Net pension liability	(276,930)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds	(60,658)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 12,116,183

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Rockport Library	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 13,778,521	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 13,778,521
Excise taxes	846,317	-	-	846,317
Intergovernmental	318,904	-	95,268	414,172
Investment income, net of unrealized gains/(losses)	41,987	68,407	92,244	202,638
Charges for services	367,273	-	-	367,273
Miscellaneous revenues	185,514	-	122,472	307,986
TOTAL REVENUES	15,538,516	68,407	309,984	15,916,907
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	1,168,190	-	-	1,168,190
Public safety	1,304,307	-	-	1,304,307
Public works	1,543,680	-	-	1,543,680
Human services	16,786	-	-	16,786
Culture and recreation	449,286	-	-	449,286
Education	8,895,585	-	-	8,895,585
County fees	1,082,307	-	-	1,082,307
Program expenses	-	5,925	280,182	286,107
Unclassified	320,885	-	-	320,885
Debt service:				
Principal	49,421	-	-	49,421
Interest	43,046	-	-	43,046
Capital outlay	-	-	943,964	943,964
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,873,493	5,925	1,224,146	16,103,564
EXCESS REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	665,023	62,482	(914,162)	(186,657)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Lease proceeds	102,586	-	-	102,586
Transfers in	99,112	95,000	1,529,957	1,724,069
Transfers (out)	(513,708)	(27,715)	(789,633)	(1,331,056)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(312,010)	67,285	740,324	495,599
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	353,013	129,767	(173,838)	308,942
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1, RESTATED	2,642,641	678,170	3,430,100	6,750,911
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	\$ 2,995,654	\$ 807,937	\$ 3,256,262	\$ 7,059,853

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

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, 2017

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (Statement E)	\$ <u>308,942</u>
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	129,904
Depreciation expense	<u>(414,531)</u>
	<u>(284,627)</u>
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	<u>86,212</u>
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	(94,212)
Other deferred revenue	<u>(3,007)</u>
	<u>(97,219)</u>
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position	<u>(102,586)</u>
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	<u>169,776</u>
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	<u>14,499</u>
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	(9,311)
Net pension liability	<u>(130,318)</u>
	<u>(139,629)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u>\$ (44,632)</u>

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BALANCE SHEET - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Sewer</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 457,104
Investments	138,893
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles)	<u>217,251</u>
Total current assets	<u>813,248</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Land and other assets not being depreciated	415,932
Buildings and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>4,709,439</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>5,125,371</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 5,938,619</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 44,479
Accrued interest	1,056
Due to other funds	679,103
Current portion of long-term obligations	<u>61,166</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>785,804</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations:	
Bonds payable	<u>540,037</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>540,037</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,325,841</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	4,524,168
Unrestricted	<u>88,610</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>4,612,778</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$ 5,938,619</u>

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
 PROPRIETARY FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Enterprise Fund</u> <u>Sewer</u>
OPERATING REVENUES	
Charges for services	\$ 785,124
Miscellaneous income	44,120
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>829,244</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES	
Wages and benefits	49,600
Professional services	1,675
Insurance	2,580
Materials, supplies, maintenance and chemicals	96,782
Camden treatment	220,822
Rockland treatment	130,293
Samoset treatment	77,477
Contracted services	175,556
Equipment	778
Depreciation and amortization	228,216
Miscellaneous expenses	39,003
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,022,782</u>
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	<u>(193,538)</u>
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	
Transfers in	71,691
Transfers out	(464,704)
Interest income	36,522
Interest expense	(8,609)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	<u>(365,100)</u>
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	(558,638)
NET POSITION - JULY 1, RESTATED	<u>5,171,416</u>
NET POSITION - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 4,612,778</u>

TOWN OF ROCKPORT, MAINE

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	<u>Enterprise Funds</u>
	<u>Sewer</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Receipts from customers	\$ 771,814
Other receipts	44,120
Interfund activity	679,103
Payments to suppliers	<u>(838,733)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>656,304</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Net transfers to other funds	<u>(393,013)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	
Purchase of capital assets	(213,738)
Principal paid on capital debt	(61,049)
Interest paid on capital debt	<u>(8,609)</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	<u>(283,396)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES	
Redemption of investments	113,395
Interest income	<u>36,522</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	<u>149,917</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	129,812
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JULY 1	<u>327,292</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 457,104</u>
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (193,538)
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	(13,310)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	(38,878)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest	(1,971)
Increase (decrease) in retainage payable	(3,318)
Increase (decrease) in due to other funds	<u>679,103</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 656,304</u>

The Holidays



National Ugly Christmas Sweater Day
Diane Hamilton, Shay Ames, Brenda Kurr
Hannah Sisk, Molli Bennett



Ugly Christmas Sweater Winner
James Aldus – Public Works



Hospitality House – staff delivering gifts
Santa, Hannah Sisk, Diane Hamilton, Jason Peasley



Pick a Star!



Gifts taken to Hospitality House



Toys for Tots

Happy Retirement Sue Dates



Sue Dates worked for the Town of Rockport for 13 years.

Town Volunteers – Keep Rockport Beautiful



2017



2018



Camden Snow Bowl Toboggan Races

Doug Cole, Selectmen - Abbie Leonard, Harbormaster

Rick Bates, Town Manager - Owen Casas, Selectmen



Party for Stacey Parra – Congrats on the new job!! Stacey worked for the Town of Rockport for 18 years.

Rockport Opera House 125th Celebration

In September, we celebrated the Rockport Opera House's 125th year with a day full of activities and live music performances. The Rockport Public Library set up a demonstration of their new Virtual Reality goggles inviting the public to try them out. Participants got to walk on the ocean floor with a whale and glowing sea creatures all without leaving the Opera House Auditorium! Sweet Sensations provided a beautiful sheet cake in the shape of the Opera House which was enjoyed by all who attended festivities. Midcoast Music Academy brought Central Street to life with a raucous street performance by ultra-talented student bucket drummers hitting rhythms on five-gallon buckets! They drew a large crowd to the sidewalks in front of the building. Maine State Historian Earle Shettleworth delivered a lecture complete with wonderful photos of Rockport and the Rockport Opera House from over a century ago. Creatures of Habit provided a soundtrack for the evening that had everyone in the House dancing. The 125th Celebration was a memorable event that could not have been accomplished without the help of Larry Goldman, Linda Greenlaw, Marci & Owen Casas, Bill Kelly, Joe & Ginny Ryan, Dave Jackson, and the many great vendors and businesses who came out to help us celebrate.



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